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To our readers:

Columnist Martin Snapp is recuperating from surgery for a detached retina (things are going well, so far) and will take a couple of weeks off from writing. You can send along your good wishes by writing him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 94705, leaving a voice mail at 273-9039, or sending e-mail to Calman1@creative.net

Worth Checking Out

To Readers of the Journal With Love

The third page of today's Journal was designed and laid out by us, Marina Bozhko, the managing editor of Zolotoy Rog, and Aleksey Syvanko, the head of the computer department of the same newspaper. Zolotoy Rog (Golden Horn) is a business weekly published in Vladivostok, a regional center in the Russian Far East. We are happy to meet and work with our colleagues in the Hills Newspaper Publishers. We are very thankful to Chris Treadway, an editor of The Journal and the Montclairian, for setting up an internship for us. Our best wishes to all the readers and the staff of the Journal! (P.S. We'd be interested in your comments about the page design faxed or mailed to this paper.)

Special council meeting

The Albany City Council will hold a special session today at 5:55 p.m. at City Hall to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the Albany Peace Officers Association.

Del Norte planning meet

The first community meeting to develop plans for the El Cerrito Del Norte area will be held on Saturday August 23rd at 3 p.m. at the Windrush School, 1800 Elm St. Details: City Planner Ed Phillips, 215-4300.

AUSD briefing

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education is holding a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Albany High School Little to update status of temporary housing at Albany High School, new high school design timeline, status of new Albany Middle School construction project, progress of Cornell Roofing/Retrofit, and progress of Marin School multi-purpose room floor. Public discussion will follow a brief progress report on each project. Details: 559-6614.

Free puppet show

The Johnson Brothers will perform a popular puppet show, "Akimbo and the Magic Cow," at the Albany Library, Tuesday Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, the final summer evening program for kids is free.

Join the party

If you'd like to participate in the Solano Avenue Stroll on Sunday, Sept. 14, please send an SASE to Solano Stroll, 1563 Solano Ave., #101, Berkeley 94707. Mark it with the type of application in which you are interested: Arts & Crafts, Entertainer (no more bands), Volunteer, Parade, Non-profit or Commercial Booth. The theme is "Planet Solano: An Intergalactic Costume Party." Details: 527-5358.

Library Senior Day

Come to the Albany Library for August Senior Day on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 1:30 p.m. to see Touring England. This one-hour film shows the legendary sights and traditions of this glorious country, featuring Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, Stonehenge, Bath, the Lake Country of Wordsworth, Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon, and much more. Also, the late Richard Burton narrates a segment about Wales, his home country.

Plaza plan final EIR approved

■ Approval comes over protests that too little time was allowed for public scrutiny.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The City Council certified the El Cerrito Plaza final Environmental Impact Report and site plan Monday, despite citizens' requests for more time and even though the report lists six environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated.

The Plaza project has been developing since March 1996 when three public workshops, facilitated by Bruce Race and attended by around 100 citizens, generated a rough site plan.

In January 1997, the Redevelopment Agency Board selected Wilton Partners as the developer. Between January and March,

the plan was further shaped by community involvement.

On March 24, the Agency elected to proceed with the EIR process, based on the project as proposed. And on June 19 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the D-EIR.

The site plan certified Monday by the council was the project as proposed, or alternative C in the draft EIR.

It includes some 300,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 205 multi-family residential units, a town square, and 1,130 surface parking spaces (for the commercial/retail portion).

Wilton Partners proposes not only funding all of the above, but also the restoration of Cerrito Creek, on the southern edge of the site. No cinema is included in the approved site plan. In

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Cardroom dealt setback in court

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Laboring already under the weight of two lawsuits, the proposed cardroom at Golden Gate Fields hit its most formidable stumbling block last week when an appeal court ruled partially in favor of the Citizens for Responsible Government.

The decision, released on Friday, Aug. 1, reverses "in part" a 1995 decision by a superior court judge, saying an environmental review was required prior to the cardroom being placed on the ballot and that the ballot question itself presented a "partisan position." It remands the two matters to trial court to determine the effect of a pair of agreements, signed in 1996, which promise an environmental review of the project, and to decide what effect the ballot question may have had on the 1994 election in which city voters approved the cardroom by a 186-vote margin.

Though the decision does not in itself bring closure to the 2-1/2-year-old lawsuit, it will, according to Albany City Attorney Robert

Zweben, delay the matter for at least an additional year. Also, the city and Ladbroke Racing Corp. must still fend off a second CRG suit, filed in April, challenging the action taken by the City Council earlier this year to extend the development agreement authorizing the 150-table cardroom.

"It seems to me that the court could have put (the lawsuit) to rest a little more definitively than it did," said CRG attorney Bob Outis of the decision, which, though it holds many strong words in favor of CRG, sends the matter back to trial court for final adjudication. "I think we're clearly winning the case," Outis said. "It's not a final victory, but it's a very substantial one."

"I believe everyone was hoping for some finality, and it now looks like the decision will proceed for at least a year," said Zweben, who added that, as the opinion reverses an earlier one in favor of the city, it must be considered a victory for CRG. "It was a battle in the context of the litigation, but the war is not over," Zweben said.

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Public scrutinizes plans to makeover University Village

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Offering residents of University Village and the surrounding neighborhoods a chance to make their concerns known, UC Berkeley officials held an environmental scoping session last week to identify potential impacts of the upcoming redevelopment of the student-housing complex.

The session, which drew less than a half-dozen concerned parties, comes in anticipation of a draft environmental impact report, which will be available for review in September. Among potential consequences already identified by university officials: removal of eucalyptus trees to make way for hous-

ing and creek restoration, increased traffic and vehicle emissions, construction-related dust and noise, and a possible strain resulting from greater enrollment by village residents in Albany schools.

According to Katherine Mortimer, a senior planner with the university, the meeting was held to give concerned parties the opportunity to make their environmental concerns known. All issues raised at the meeting or received in writing will be addressed in the draft report, Mortimer said, at which point the public will have 45 days to review the document and respond.

After a brief introduction by

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One of the residence buildings planned for removal during the first phase of the project

Learning from experience



Participants in the YMCA volleyball clinic couldn't be under better tutelage than hometown product Lindsay Kagawa, left, who is going to Stanford this fall.

Local girls' volleyball star a role model for future players

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In what could prove the first small step toward a long and fruitful volleyball career, a group of middle school-age girls participated in a five-day clinic at the Albany YMCA last week taught by the city's own star high school setter, Stanford-bound Lindsay Kagawa.

The clinic, part of a two-week, volleyball/basketball camp for 5th to 8th grade girls, covered basics ranging from passing to hitting to blocking, as well as allowing participants to view high school and college level game tapes and, in general, to have a good time. According to Catherine Jamison, executive director of the Albany YMCA, the program is part of an ongoing, city-wide effort to increase sports programs for middle school-age girls, with the possibility that some might apply the skills they learn to future school athletics.

"We really want to focus on building their confidence, their self-esteem," said Jamison, who, when she first got the clinic rolling, did not hesitate before inviting Kagawa to teach the volleyball portion of the camp. "She is a phenomenal young woman," Jamison said, calling the \$135, 4-hour a day clinic "the best deal in town,

considering they have Lindsay Kagawa as their coach."

While the tender age of 10 might seem a bit early to be casting one's sights toward a high school, let alone college, athletic career, learning the basics early, and learning them right, can yield tremendous dividends in the long run. In the case of Kagawa, who will go from lofting sets for Albany's powerhouse team to a fully-paid ride on the elite women's squad at Stanford, she herself began playing at about the same age after tagging along at many a tournament with her father.

"I guess I just got exposed to it a lot," said Kagawa, whose now-honed skills helped lead the Cougars to a 62-11 record over the last two seasons. "Kids are getting better and better when they're younger," she said. "You catch up easily when you're young."

With much of her time already occupied shuttling back and forth between Albany and the campus she will soon call home, the job worked out well for Kagawa in that she had little time to commit to a steady one. Prior to heading off to compete against some of the best players in the nation, though, she spent five pleasant after-

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First official filing for council seat

Abelson announces candidacy; filing deadline is Friday

EL CERRITO — With the filing deadline looming, there appears to be a lot of interest in the three City Council seats that will be up for election in November.

No less than nine people, including the three current office holders (Norma Jellison, Mark Friedman and Gina Brusatori) and several frequent council critics, have taken out papers for possible candidacy.

But as of Tuesday, the only per-

son to officially file papers with the City Clerk is 26-year resident Janet Abelson, who has been very active in the community both before and since retiring as a Senior Computer Analyst at UC Berkeley, where she supervised the design of computer systems.

"The decline of the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center threatens the heart of our business community," Abelson said. "Redevelopment can

be used to make the Plaza more attractive. I support responsible redevelopment efforts that protect the rights of local business."

But she said she is concerned about the strained relations between some of the council and some of the public.

"In the past our city council and El Cerrito citizens politely listened to each other and respected differ-

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El Cerrito in the 21st Century

'The Centennial Plan: A vision to take El Cerrito into its second century'

is the title of a free reception and presentation to the community by the Prince of Wales's Summer School in Architecture and the Building Arts from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 8, in the Fairmont Elementary School Multi-purpose Room. The multi-purpose room is across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Library near the intersection of Stockton and Lexington avenues, two blocks east of San Pablo Avenue.

The gathering is hosted by the City of El Cerrito, the Association of Bay Area Governments, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and Sustainable El Cerrito.



By Phyllis Lyon

All I know is what I read in the papers

"KISSIES PROSPER." This change on the famous Tom Mix maxim, "Cheaters never prosper," used to be the motto around my scatter when short people in little dresses and tennis shoes lived here. Those are old, but still good, words to meditate on.

Leafing through the papers this week, I saw where kissies in Australia were not prospering at all. Seeing an expert on teevee catch a fish and kiss it on the lips before throwing it back, monkeysee monkey-do's took up the allegedly ichthyarian practice. The fad spread until wiser heads had to put out the warning: "Snook and leatherjackets can inflict a nasty bite. Anglers should kiss the toothy critters somewhere other than on the mouth." Or, better, they could stop watching teevee, quit kissing fish and lavish all that misplaced affection on their little girls, who would grow and prosper thereby.

TURNING THE PAGES, I see our town got some notice this week outside of *The Journal* which, as we know, has always covered Albany news and events to the fullest. Sure, another paper came to town for a while, made a big splash, said Albany was their beat and gave away a few issues. Now, I see, it has moved on to woo Berkeleyans.

A big city daily included Albany recently in a story about the old fortunetelling flap. My problem with the recap of last year's news is that it gave the disgruntled astrologers a leg up. After a 12-word quote from Mayor Good and brief comments from Chief Murdo, this "reporter" filled the space with 500 or 600 words eliciting sympathy for the pitiful plight of the astrologers, who are suing the city in spite of having cowed the council into submission.

More to my liking would be quotes from Dr. Dean Edell, who blasted astrology and the Albany city council on the radio. Calling astrology the worst kind of superstition, the good doctor said, "People who rip people off and charge them to be ripped off *should* have a license. The Albany city council is chicken. Fear of a law suit has taken them beyond principle." Hear! Hear!

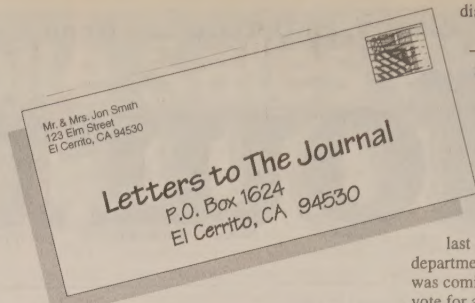
ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CAN BASK in the reflected glory of the mention Albany got in the bigtime daily this week. Leah Garchik, the *Chronicle's* best writer, sponsored a contest for poems paying "loving homage to our East Bay towns." And, lo, a winner was: Councilmember Bruce Mast. Eschewing common rhyme, he chose the 3-line Japanese haiku as his medium, to wit, "Hey, El Cerrito/You wish you had a big hill?/Move to Albany!" Very amusing, at least to us Albanians. Although I've heard some El Cerritos threaten to take their hill back, I'm confident they're also laughing at Mast's humor and will, I hope, stay put.

"BIKE CHAOS — 250 ARRESTS" was one tall headline of the week. Bike-riders were said to be engaging in "civil disobedience," a phrase originated by H.D. Thoreau from jail. Following in the tiretracks of many car-drivers, cyclers appeared to be uncivilly disobeying the "unfair" law requiring them to stop at red lights.

As usual way ahead of other cities in forestalling mayhem, Albany has a Bicycle Plan currently working its way to the top of city hall's agenda. According to the plan, whose chief architect is aforementioned poet Mast, Adams will become a Bike Street and Marin Avenue, two car lanes and two bike lanes, among other bike-friendly innovations. My crystal ball clouds up when I try to envision all those Berkeley cars, barreling down Marin on their way to I-80, suddenly squeezing from two lanes to one. I look forward to crossing Marin in peace at last, but it may be chaos carwise — which I suppose is the whole point.

AS FOR THE UN-ALBANY NEWS last week, who in his right mind could keep his attention focused on the miles of valuable newsprint and the hours of precious airtime spent on canonizing a sexist Italian and picking over his killer's bones.

It seemed more productive to me to spend the time meditating on what this piece of news may say about our life nowadays: Because of faulty wiring, the electric chair in Florida sends the occupant up in flames when the switch is pulled. A judge said this is not cruel and unusual punishment. The interesting part is that prison officials have nicknamed the chair "Old Sparky."



Part of a conspiracy?

Editor:
Having read your letters to the editor of July 31, I must say I'm puzzled.

Whatever happened to Dawn Frasier, the astute and fair-minded observer of the local scene?

What are you up to now with long-winded articles hostile to a model city government favored 10 to one over those of supporters? Those were the masterpieces of the boresome "no names" whom Jean Siri fingered. Explain, please, in the interest of political correctness.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Our stories reflect the tone of discussion, and are neither for nor against the issue at hand. As far as we know, they aren't longer- or shorter-winded than what has appeared before. Little else to explain except that Dawn has decided to move to Indiana (she left town last week) and we'll miss her.

Fine print of Prop. 218

Editor:
Few people understood Proposition 218, the "Right to Vote on Taxes" initiative, when they voted for, or against, it. Take a close look:

Only property owners can vote on benefit assessments, renters are disenfranchised.

The more your property is worth, the more votes you get. The decisions of the managers of big companies with valuable property, such as Safeway, Target, and Home Depot, in some distant city, will offset the vote of hundreds of small homeowners in El Cerrito and other California cities, effectively

disenfranchising them.

A two-thirds vote is required for passage — seldom reached on tax issues. Ballots not returned count as "no" votes.

The El Cerrito City Council has been criticized for setting the Prop H assessment at \$125 last year, instead of the \$75 recommended by the citizens' study group, (a study that did not include projected capital improvements.) The El Cerrito City Council understood that if Prop. 218 passed, Prop. H would be the last chance to adequately fund the fire and police departments. Councilman Norman LaForce saw what was coming and said he could not ask the people to vote for an assessment which he knew would be inadequate. (For those who wonder why a resident of Kensington would be concerned, we contract with El Cerrito for fire service.)

Jean M. Brown
Kensington

Legislation needs public support

Editor:

Mental illness can strike as unexpectedly and disastrously as physical illness. Fifteen states have now passed legislation requiring that insurance, usually provided through employers, cover serious mental illness. Most seriously disturbed individuals are unable to actively participate in the workforce, but for those working individuals who are struck by major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or other serious mental illness, such coverage is tremendously important.

AB 1100, sponsored by Assembly members Don Perata and Helen Thomson, proposes that insurance cover serious mental disorders on a basis equal to the coverage provided for other illness, such as heart disease or diabetes. This bill has passed the Assembly and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

This landmark legislation for California would be a vital first step in making sure that quality care is available to citizens whose lives might otherwise be destroyed for lack of money to pay for treatment. Otherwise, in addition to the tragedy of an incapacitating illness (whose origins we are only beginning to understand), afflicted individuals are doomed to bear the added burdens of poverty and poor care. Access to quality care CAN make a

difference in these lives!

The California Alliance for the Mentally Ill (CAMI) urges members of the legislature to support this legislation, and calls upon Gov. Pete Wilson to veto as threatened but rather to sign the bill law upon passage. Studies indicate that, with managed care, costs to insurers would increase less than 1 percent with inclusion of such coverage. This is a small price to pay for this first step in the struggle to end centuries of misunderstanding of mental illness, as well as decades of neglect for victims of these diseases.

Our local organization urges voters to let their representatives and especially Gov. Wilson know they stand behind AB 1100. For more information about mental illness, this legislation, or how to support this cause, contact the Mental Health Association of Alameda County at 835-5010.

Nancy Menard
President, Family Alliance for the Mentally Ill

State of Albany mail service disconcerting

Editor:

Since moving to Albany five years ago my mail and I have noticed a disturbing trend. Our mail service has continued to decline steadily. Not only are we receiving other people's mail, but other people are receiving our mail. It has become a regular occurrence for us and our neighbors to be walking up and down the block in the evening exchanging improperly delivered mail. We have packages never arrive, letters and bills arrive weeks late and packages lost inside the Post Office after their arrival in Albany. Complaints to the Office seem to be of no avail.

Another disturbing trend we've noticed is that mail is delivered anywhere from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and the mail carrier hasn't been the same for two days in a row for weeks now. Mail delivery is a serious task that shouldn't be taken lightly.

We know that if our mail service is this bad, other folks in Albany are experiencing the same thing. We'd like others to contact the Albany Post Office and/or the Journal and voice their concerns. Well. Perhaps if enough of us complain service will improve.

Charles and Debra Richey

Viewpoint

Cardroom opponents have overcome a stacked deck

By David Arkin, AIA

Citizens for Responsible Government

At the time of this writing, the Court of Appeals has not yet delivered its decision on the Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG) lawsuit against the City of Albany and Ladbroke, owners of Golden Gate Fields. The lawsuit challenges the process that brought a development agreement for a 150-table cardroom before Albany voters in November of 1994. The city council sponsored ballot measure, known as Measure F, passed by an 187 vote margin.

Our family moved to Albany in August of 1994, in the midst of the divisive campaign surrounding the cardroom project. It quickly became apparent that the city council and staff, while taking the position that "it has to be decided by the community," were promoting — in fact, actively campaigning — for the passage of Measure F. While this in itself is not illegal, or even uncommon, it is clear that the deck was stacked against opponents of this project from the outset.

As president of CRG, I have taken heated retorts to our legal challenge of Measure F. Invariably, these include suggestions that we are "sore losers," "morally opposed to gambling" and "politically motivated." I dislike lawsuits as much as anyone, and these reasons — true or not — would not be enough to inspire myself, CRG members and supporters, or our attorneys to put the time or money that we have into this effort.

In the interest of preserving civic memory, I want to recall some of the most objectionable occurrences surrounding the cardroom project. At a recent public meeting, a former city council member suggested that these were fabrications. Taken in total, the activities surrounding Measure F add up to abuse of civic trust (at a minimum, and — as our lawsuits hope to prove — violations of law).

The city bent the laws to enable this project to reach the ballot with the speed that it did. It was first presented at a city council meeting in June of 1994, and was on the ballot by Aug. 1. Aside from being summer, catching many citizens unaware, the accelerated calendar ensured that an alternative could not be placed on the ballot by citizen initiative.

Despite public demand for an alternative to the cardroom on the ballot, including a parcel tax, then-mayor Mike Brodsky shut out any alternatives,

reasoning in the wee hours of one hearing that a " ... parcel tax next to the cardroom measure would be an attempt to sabotage the passage of the cardroom." A list of ten other alternatives, signed by 150 citizens, was submitted; their ideas were also dismissed.

The speed of the process required both rescinding of the city's existing development agreement ordinance, which wouldn't allow such a fast pace, and abandoning the normal planning procedures for a project of this scale, most notably preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to inform decision makers of the project's impacts. The city attorney reversed his opinion that CEQA would be required under Measure C, an ordinance requiring a vote on waterfront projects after council approval. I find it troubling that a project purported to have many environmental benefits was denied its timely environmental review.

The city staff, in its quest for the tax revenue this project promised to generate, practically handed over the keys to city hall. Ladbroke was afforded every favor money could buy. For example, in July of 1994 a newsletter was distributed to Albany citizens. The left column on the front page read "Albany Faces Financial Dilemma" (predicting a \$1.2 million deficit for the current fiscal year), while the right column described the cardroom proposal, and suggested that "a cardroom could generate approximately \$2 million annually in additional revenue." This was an official City of Albany newsletter.

Forgivable, maybe. Except when you consider how grossly inaccurate the deficit projections have proven. We will have a budget surplus again this year, even with some significant capital expenditures (we can all appreciate both an improved economy and our city's sound fiscal management).

Our improved economy does not by itself account for the exaggerated projections, which became key to the campaign. A bigger exception, certainly unforgivable, is the fact that the production and mailing of this special newsletter was in fact billed to and paid for by Ladbroke, as an expense related to the cardroom proposal.

While the city was made aware of the errors in its deficit projections, it made no effort to revise them, and most citizens — myself included — did not question their accuracy.

"Revenue for Albany" became the driving theme of the Yes on F campaign. Citizens were being told that "the city will be forced to cut services" and "the best way to keep Albany secure is to guarantee that the city has revenue to pay for strong and well-supported fire and police departments." Much of this rhetoric came from police and fire personnel, who shamelessly campaigned for the passage of Measure F. A phone bank was reportedly operated from our firehouse. The police chief chaired the campaign in favor of Measure F, and used the phone in his office at the police station to exchange campaign calls.

The police chief also stated "there is no evidence that a card club will increase crime." I have a stack of articles that report the crimes associated with cardrooms, some pertaining to Ladbroke's Casino San Pablo. According to the Jan. 25-31 issue of the Economist, Gambling's False Promises, casinos have costs which outweigh benefits, and as an economic tool are a "bad bet." When social costs are factored in, they can be considered a net loser.

The project was also sold for its environmental benefits, primarily the Bay Trail. It was suggested that Ladbroke was willing to pay up to \$5 million for the acquisition of this 14-foot-wide parcel. Earlier this year the East Bay Regional Park District purchased a 20-foot-wide trail parcel, along with other parcels, for substantially less (less than 10 percent of \$5 million). One has to wonder if the trumped up price had more to do with the campaign than reality. Had this sale gone through under the development agreement, as the only waterfront comparable, it could have raised the price of

the Eastshore State Park purchase agreement by as much as \$5 million.

In any event, voters were told — indeed, a paid official even testified — that the cardroom was a good means of securing the Bay Trail in Albany. Mentioned above, this trail was recently acquired by the Eastshore State Park. This sort of environmental blackmail should be an embarrassment to all the groups that bought into it, most notably the Albany Green Party, whose endorsement lent credibility to these claims.

Campaign literature made false statements, including a letter stating the Albany Fiscal Task Force "recommends" the project (it did not), that Albany residents would be given priority for jobs (nothing this effect in the Agreement), and that maximum would be between 200 and 800 people (the cap was 150 tables at 10 each is 1,500, not including staff non-gamblers).

To be fair, there was some misleading and hyperbolized literature from opponents of the cardroom, most from a group funded by the Oakland in Emeryville. While CRG members were nervous of this group, the association was used and is still to this day to discredit all opposition to the project.

Another telling example, which perhaps best illustrates the unethical nature of the entire process, is the way Measure F was worded on the ballot itself. As the judge for the Court of Appeals hearing stated, it included "argumentative" and "loaded" language all the revenue, jobs and hiking trail improvement development would provide to the city. Our city attorney had argued that, "this case is about the transcendence of the voters to make decisions." Strankman responded that while the voters have the right to make choices, "it's also up to the city council to give them the choice honestly and fairly. For you stand here and argue about the sacred rights of voters ... it just doesn't smell right."

Albany has long prided its "small-town ambience" we even say so on our city's letterhead. The project, the project and the promoters of Measure F are the biggest threat to the small town character we hold dear. That a major developer was able to dangle cash in the noses of our elected and appointed officials, have them doing their bidding is nothing short of despicable.

(One could also argue that this is merely evidence that Albany is indeed "small town," but I prefer to view Albany as a wonderful community within one of the world's largest metropolitan areas, one which has some sense of responsibility to its neighbors ... a rogue suburb out to grab the cash egg and leave it to rest with golden goose's droppings.)

Numerous other Bay Area cities — including San Mateo and more recently Pittsburg — have soundly defeated cardrooms in their communities. These cities realized what our officials effectively hid from us: casinos have negative impacts, most notably crime, political influence, which detract from both community values and the quality of life.

I hope we are successful in our efforts to bring justice to Albany. In any event, I will always be proud that we took a stand. And that we had the support of our community, especially octogenarians Dario Meniketti and David Brower, our Civic and Environmental Elders, respectively. Of course, I am awed and ever grateful for the greatly underpaid work of our attorneys Bob Outis and Dan Taaffe have put toward this pursuit.

This has never been a matter of gambling vs. integrity as it's been a matter of civic integrity. We must now be on guard to ensure such indiscretion does not reoccur. All of us, myself included, must find the time to involve ourselves in our community's decision making.

For, as Ralph Nader stated so succinctly: "There be no daily democracy without daily citizenship."

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Two consultants tapped for Del Norte

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO—The City Council suffered indecision Monday when attempting to choose between two economic consultants for the Del Norte Community Planning Process. In the end and after some public upheaval, the council asked the two consultants to team up and split the consulting job down the middle.

At its July 24 meeting the Del Norte task force had unanimously chosen Moore, Iacofano and Goldman (MIG) as facilitator based on the firm's experience with projects linked to BART stations.

But the task force could not decide on the financial consultant. While the task force itself was evenly split between Bay Area Economics Systems (BAE) and Economic and Planning Systems (EPS), attendant non-task force members voted 9-2 in favor of EPS. Despite the non-task force members' majority leaning, Councilmember and task force Chair Mark Friedman decided to turn the decision over to the City Council.

Janet Smith-Heimer, the Principal of Bay Area Economics, a Berkeley-based Urban Real Estate Economics consulting firm, presented BAE's qualifications. She founded BAE 11 years ago in her living room in Albany. "As a resident and

a professional economist in the area, I track what happens in El Cerrito," she said.

Smith-Heimer outlined the firm's local experience, such as studying the redevelopment potential of commercial districts in Albany's Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway district. In terms of transit-oriented development experience, BAE completed a Richmond BART development feasibility analysis and has done market analysis for BART in San Bruno, Union City, and Colma.

As far as experience with retail/entertainment complexes, BAE worked on a plan for downtown Larkspur, and on revitalization projects for Montclair Village, downtown Chico and Stockton's historic waterfront. The Stockton revitalization won BAE an Award from the American Planning Association.

"I heard at the first interview," Smith-Heimer said, "some interest in allowing the economist to partially shape the process. We see ourselves as not only helping with the panel discussion, but being resource specialists. We actually wander around the room to the small groups, and there are a lot of questions from people like, 'Could we really get a Macy's here?'" Answer-

ing those types of questions helps shape the discussions."

Walter Keiser, a Principal at Economic and Planning Systems, an urban economic firm, said he understood the charge to be "to assist the city amid a climate of diverse opinions with a difficult project." He added, "All projects in an urban context are difficult and this one is no different."

EPS uses "facts and analysis to separate fact from fiction," to focus the group on those things that are a matter of choice and policy, rather than "something sells for x or whether there is a market for y," said Keiser.

According to Keiser, the key issues EPS could help resolve are the scale and mix of the Del Norte development, the feasibility of different types of retail, as well as the overlap of surrounding development and the issue of BART's development objectives and criteria. EPS will take into account consistency with City policy, such as planning and zoning ordinances, the overall fiscal health of the Redevelopment Agency, and the need to generate money for the city's coffers.

EPS has been in the East Bay for 15 years, said Keiser. Locally, it helped with the Contra Costa County General plan, the Pinole Vista shopping center, and with developments in Hercules, Richmond and Berkeley, as well as providing analysis for Albany's original Golden Gate Fields project. EPS has studied the market in and around BART stations in Castro Valley, Union City, and Oakland (the MacArthur BART station), and completed the San Pablo Corridor study with AC Transit.

After the two presentations, several questions from councilmembers and citizen input, the council deteriorated into a morass of indecision. Friedman abstained from the discussion and from voting to retain his neutral status as task force chair and facilitator.

Several citizens, however, were decisive. Anne Delehunt quoted a statement made by Jeff Ordway, of BART, that EPS is the more imaginative firm, while BAE practices a more traditional, cookie-cutter approach to market analysis. She also pointed out that IBEX, the developer of neighboring Del Norte Place, and John Stewart, a representative of IBEX, are listed as BAE clients, indicating a possible conflict of interest.

As has occurred at almost every City Council meeting of late, the issue arose as to whether there is or is not a rift in the community. Mayor Norma Jellison said she did not appreciate the ultimatums given by certain citizens that all trust will be lost if the council makes a certain decision.

"All this stuff about healing in the community is more that I can stomach. There is not a rift in this community," Jellison said. "Eight to 10 people in the community does not make a rift."

The City Council ultimately agreed to ask the two consultants to team up. The firms will submit a plan for their shared work to be considered at the Sept. 2 City Council meeting.

The first Del Norte Community planning process meeting is scheduled for August 23, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Windrush School gymnasium, 1800 Elm St.

Library gets by with a little help from its Friends

At their July Board meeting, the Friends of the El Cerrito Library voted unanimously to donate:

- \$9,000 for adult materials (books, magazines, records, tapes, etc.);
- \$1,000 for children's materials;
- \$600 for children's programs (storytellers, puppet shows, etc.).

The total donation is \$10,600 to the El Cerrito Public Library for fiscal year 1997-98.

The Friends' donation is in addition to up to \$3,000 the group promised to donate for adult materials purchases the library has already made (but for which it has not yet invoiced) so far in 1997. It also does not include the costs of children's programs

through July 1997, which the Friends have also agreed to underwrite. All told, the Friends will spend more than \$13,000 in 1997-98 supplementing the Library's budget for materials and programs.

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library is an all-volunteer organization headquartered in the basement of the Library at 6510 Stockton St. (just east of Fairmont School). The Friends receive no government financing. Their mission is to support the Library with time and money and to raise community awareness about the Library's programs, services and needs.

For additional information, call 526-9600 or 526-5116

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library welcomes new volunteers and donations of time and money from El Cerrito residents who are interested in helping the Library provide better service and materials to its patrons.

Memorial service today for Sgt. Darlene Nevin

KENSINGTON — A memorial service will be held today at First Unitarian Church for Kensington police Sgt. Darlene Nevin, 50, who died Sunday in an off-duty automobile accident.

Police personnel from the area will be at the service for Nevin, a popular member of the 10-member Kensington force who had close ties to the Albany Police

and Contra Costa County Sheriff departments. Her ex-husband is Sgt. Art Clemmons of the Albany police.

Nevin, the highest-ranking woman in the Kensington department, was the mother of two daughters as well as a grandmother.

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The Journal August 7, 14, 21, 28, 1997.

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"My business is somewhat a combination image consulting and closet organizing. I offer a simple approach of cleaning out a wardrobe to consolidating and putting together your whole look," Caruso explained. This includes color analyzing. She is also working with a company that offers many services from skin care to a natural weight program. This program is for both men and women.

Image consulting can help someone obtain their professional look or just the image they are trying to achieve. When Caruso begins to help with a wardrobe, she will first analyze a client to see what colors work best with the skin tones and the colors that will enhance one's appearance. Caruso sells books which tell how to determine one's best color scheme.

According to Caruso, learning closet organizing and personal image enhancement can build your self esteem while saving money. For details call Caruso at 848-2452

Hot-rod on display at Chamber

An original 1932 child's hot-rod

is now on display at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Avenue, promoting the Sixth Annual Classic/Vintage Auto Show, courtesy of Larry Garcia and his two year old grandson, Grayson.

Larry entered his 1957 T-bird in the Silverado competition in June, and was awarded second place in his car's category. During the show he purchased six raffle tickets and won the hot-rod which he gave to his grandson. The hot-rod can be seen weekdays only.

The auto show committee is still accepting registrations for the Aug. 16 show. Show chairman David Arroyo plans another successful display of special interest automobiles. Some of the cars to be shown include a 1930 Ford Model A Hiboy Roadster, 1956 Mercedes Benz 190 SL Roadster, 1933 and 1951 MG, 1932 American Austin Roadster, 1956 four door Chevrolet, 1950 Plymouth, 1950 Ford Custom V-8 four door sedan, 1966 Ford Fairlane convertible, 1931 Model A coupe, 1964 Elva Courier Coupe, 1956 Chevrolet and a 1957 T-Bird.

Also, a 1955 Chevrolet Nomad, 1930 Model A with rumble seat, 1952 Chevrolet business coupe, 1941 Dodge luxury liner, 1962

Dodge 440 RT Coronet, 1964 Plymouth Barracuda, 1967 Austin "Mini" Cooper S, 1921 Ford Model T touring and 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza convertible.

The show will have refreshments available and a clown astro jump for children.

The show will be held on the 700 - 800 blocks of Key Route Strip, Solano, and Key Rout Boulevard, Saturday Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For registration forms phone 525-1771 or visit the chamber office at 1108 Solano Ave. weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Ray Anderson: business and volunteer

Keeping busy with volunteering, work and more work, Raymond Anderson keeps his fingers on the pulse of Albany, helping to make things happen.

He owns and operates the R. H. Anderson Estate Liquidation Services, the exclusive seller of the ABC Teddy Bear posters and owns the Berkeley House Publishing Company that publishes a map of Berkeley, Albany and parts of El Cerrito and Oakland. Anderson works with attorneys, real estate agents and executors for the estate sales, selling everything at fair



Rose Caruso

market value.

When it comes to volunteering, Anderson does not know when to say "no." He is an active board of directors member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Prevention Council and the Solano Avenue Association. As a past president of the association, Anderson keeps busy with the Solano Avenue Stroll planning and participating during the Stroll where needed.

He is celebrating his seventeenth year in business in the estate sales. Anderson can be reached by phone at 526-2232.

Albany Pool employee of month

The Albany Pool employee for the month of June is Melissa Rydman, a longtime resident of Albany and a graduate of Albany High School. She was chosen for her willingness to substitute for others, always asking if there is any extra work for her to do and participates without complaining. Able to anticipate what needs to be done, she never needs reminding. Serving as a head lifeguard and instructor for six years, Melissa is

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



very popular with the patrons at the pool due to her friendly manner and excellent instruction.

Teddy University

Evening classes and Saturday workshops for beginners, hobbyists and aspiring bear artists in bear making are available at Bears & Baubles, 1603 Solano Avenue throughout the fall and into December. Schedules are available at Bears & Baubles, according to owner Georgia Carlson. The next session begins Sept. 4, Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. First session included Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25. Second session is scheduled for Oct. 16, 23, and 30 followed by Nov. 6, 13, 20 and Dec. 4. Class fee is \$45, kit included.

Instructor Mary Taylor-Asarnow will teach a beginning bear making with a focus on construction, articulation and attractive face design. One may design an original teddy bear and learn design techniques by altering the Basic Brown Bear pattern. There will be emphasis on professional level

joining, face design and finishing touches.

A special class for children nine to 14 years to start making bears at an early age. Students have the option of hand or machine sewing. Machine sewers must provide their own machines.

Phone Georgia at 524-4794 for information and registration.

Albany Post's Fiesta Night

Eva Lopez and her merry band of helpers will be preparing a Mexican dinner to be served on Friday Aug. 14 at the Veterans Memorial Building. Seven dollars will get you a taco verde salad, chicken enchilada, chicken tamales, beans, corn chips, salsa and rice pudding. For reservations, Keith Truax at 525-4487, Janice at 525-5230 or Sam Turner at 0387. Truax wants to remind the public of the upcoming community western barbecue dinner dance Sept. 20.

Congratulations to Turner's wife, Leota, on their 56th anniversary.

Filing

Continued from front page

ent opinions," she said. "Now, vicious personal attacks and name calling are quite common. We need to renew the positive spirit of El Cerrito to carry us into the 21st century."

"El Cerrito citizens have always made their priorities clear. They want a first class police and fire department, well maintained streets, recreation programs that serve a wide segment of the community, and attractive parks," said Abelson.

Abelson, who has bachelors and masters degrees in business administration from San Francisco State University, has been a high-profile figure on access issues for the disabled both locally and nationally.

She is vice president of Albany-El Cerrito Access, a nonprofit that has assisted Albany and El Cerrito in improving services for the disabled,

including \$15,000 to El Cerrito to make improvements to the community center's swimming pool so it could be used by disabled persons.

She is the chair of the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee and the former chair of the Contra Costa County Paratransit Coordinating Council. The Transit Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, based in Washington, D.C., selected her to serve as the chair of a committee overseeing research into public transportation improvements.

Since retiring, Abelson has become an active community volunteer. She served as the president of both the Harding Elementary School and Portola Middle School PTAs. She also served as an officer of the El Cerrito High PTSA.

She also serves as the chair of the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California.

Ableson is the mother of five children ranging in age from 6 to 22. The three oldest attended Harding Elementary School, Portola Middle School and graduated from El Cerrito High School. Another daughter still attends El Cerrito High and the youngest will be in the second grade at Harding this year. Her husband, former El Cerrito Mayor Howard Abelson, is an attorney in private civil practice. He served two terms on the El Cerrito City Council from 1980-88 and also served as a BART director.

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Panel analyzes local impact of Clinton education initiatives

In his 1997 State of the Union address, President Clinton announced that education would be the number one priority for the next four years. He issued a 10-point call to action for American education to enlist parents, teachers, students, business leaders and local and state officials in this effort. A summary of Clinton's proposals are available on the Department of Education web site (<http://www.ed.gov/updates/PresEDPlan/>) or by calling the Department's regional office (415-752-7520). Ask for "A Call to Action for American Education in the 21st Century."

At its July 22 meeting, the El Cerrito Democratic Club hosted a panel discussion to look at the local impact of these initiatives. Toni Hancock, representative of U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley and the primary spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Education in Federal Region IX (Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada), provided an overview of the new Clinton initiatives. Pamela Mirabella (President, Contra Costa County Board of Education), Diana Easton (member, WCCUSD School Board), and David MacDiarmid (member, Contra Costa College District Governing Board) reacted from a local perspective.

Hancock began by framing the challenges facing public education in California as we approach a new century noting, "Here in California we don't invest very much in education and are now ranked 35th in the country in terms of the numbers of computers per child. In national reading tests we are dead last."

Hancock linked reading performance problems to a need for better standards. "We must have higher standards that are agreed upon nationally." The Clinton plan calls for national tests in 4th-grade reading and 8th-grade math with the aim that all 4th

graders be able to read and all 8th graders know basic math and algebra.

Responding to a question on whether it was really realistic to expect all children to be reading well by the end of the third grade, Hancock said, "If we can land a robot on the surface of Mars, I believe we can successfully take on this challenge." She hoped that enabling Federal legislation would assist with the placement of AmeriCorps volunteers as tutors in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades and that the public would respond as well to the need to get involved in schools.

Hancock also highlighted proposals and current programs to create more relevant school-to-career opportunities for high school students especially those not planning to attend college. She said, "Students in our general track in most of our high schools are just putting in seat time." Hancock called for expanded school-to-work programs that would link high-quality academic work to mentoring relationships between students and relevant careers.

Pamela Mirabella described current county programs receiving Federal support which include the school-to-work program. However, she cautioned against too many new federal initiatives when existing programs, such as special education, have not been fully funded.

Diana Easton expanded on this issue from the perspective of the WCCUSD noting that existing federal mandates in the area of special education are costing the district's general fund \$9 million in the current year budget. Easton said, "If you create a mandate, you should fund it."

David MacDiarmid described the current challenges facing the community college system noting "there are more students now enrolled in Contra Costa Community Colleges than UC Berkeley."

He said, "68% of our students come to us deficient in some skill and if you talk to our faculty they will tell you that our greatest problem is unprepared kids."

In terms of Clinton administration policies MacDiarmid said, "Welfare reform is the issue in the Clinton administration that gives us greatest cause for concern." For example, welfare recipients currently participating in the nurse's training program will not have enough time under new rules to complete their training.

Clearly, we can't expect any magic bullets to come from Washington and, in some cases, like the welfare reform issue raised by MacDiarmid, federal policy may negatively impact our schools. Responding to a question on how we can work on important social issues and also deal with educational problems, Hancock said, "Organize, organize, organize."

At its next regular meeting on Tuesday, August 26, the El Cerrito Democratic Club will host a candidates night for WCCUSD school board candidates running in the Nov. 4, election. The public is warmly encouraged to attend the meeting which begins at 7:30 PM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 540 Ashbury, El Cerrito (across the street from El Cerrito High School).

New principals appointed

In action taken at its July 23 meeting, the WCCUSD Board announced the following administrative personnel changes: Ted Abrew was transferred from Kennedy High School to Middle College. A replacement at Kennedy High School was not named. Marilyn McClaskey was transferred from Harding Elementary to Hercules Elementary. Harlan Kerr will be the new Harding principal. Dorris Holland was named principal Collins Elementary. Linda Jackson was reappointed to the position of



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Acting Principal at Coronado Elementary, Harriet MacLean was named principal of Dover Elementary, Larry Tognolini, currently assistant principal at Pinole Middle was named principal of Ellorhorst Elementary. Marco Gonzales was transferred from Lincoln Elementary to Cesar Chavez Elementary. Nancy Edwards-Dasho will be replacing Gonzales at Lincoln. Donald Proia was named Administrator of Data Processing and Administrative Technology and Kevin Oda Administrator of Instructional Technology a new position.

Community Work Days at El Cerrito High School

El Cerrito High School parents and students are planning two community work days beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday August 16 and 17. The aim is double: help take care of much needed maintenance and cleaning and build bridges between the school and surrounding community. Meet outside the school entrance at 540 Ashbury — community members are warmly encouraged to help. Call Janet McKnight at 525-3272 for more information.

West County School Watch is available on the world wide web: <http://www.igc.apc.org/westcounty/>.

Police Reports

Thieves skate off with stolen gear

By K. Osborne

ALBANY — At about 7:30 on Aug. 3 officers contacted an Oakland woman who was standing near Solano Avenue and Ordway Street and throwing bottles at passing cars. She was found to be intoxicated and to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland for felony hit and run. She was arrested and held for Oakland police to pick up.

On July 27 a man reported that thieves broke into his car parked on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue and stole his cellular phone.

On July 27 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves had broken into his '89 Toyota Camry between 5 p.m. July 26 and noon on July 29 while it was parked on the street. They stole his roller blades and pads from the trunk.

On the evening of July 27 an Albany man reported that thieves had stolen his black and silver moped locked to a bike rack on the 500 block of San Pablo.

July 28 a resident on the 900

block of Stannage Avenue reported that when he returned home from vacation that day his garage door was open and two bikes were missing.

On July 29 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported leaving two bikes, a blue Trek Mountain bike with a lot of stickers and a white and blue mountain bike, outside his apartment at about midnight. When he checked an hour later he discovered they were gone.

A resident on the 900 block of Kaines Avenue reported that between 10:30 p.m. on July 29 and 9:30 a.m. on July 30 thieves stole his '78 Toyota Cressida while it was parked outside his residence.

On July 31 a resident on the 1100 block of Ordway Street reported that during the night vandals had broken a window of her car while it was parked in front of her house.

On Aug. 1 officers contacted a man who was laying in the street on San Pablo Avenue near Portland Avenue. The Oakland man was found to be very intoxicated and was arrested.

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Traffic stops yield several arrests

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — A Vallejo man was stopped on Carlson at Central on July 14 at 2:30 a.m. for DUI, possession of an illegal substance, and suspended license. An El Cerrito man was stopped for DUI on San Pablo and Moeser on July 11 at 4:10 a.m. A Berkeley woman was stopped on San Pablo and Moeser on July 11 at 2 a.m. for DUI. A Palm Springs man was stopped July 16 for DUI. A San Pablo man was arrested for DUI on July 22. A Richmond man was pulled over for DUI July 18, on the corner of Carlson and El Dorado, and was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm.

A Louisiana man in an '85 Isuzu Pup was pulled over on Eastshore Blvd. and San Pablo July 21 at 2:17 a.m. He had a warrant out for his arrest from Louisiana for attempting to murder a police officer during a traffic stop.

A Pinole man was pulled over

July 27 on the corner of San Pablo and Plumas and found in possession of methamphetamine. A Kensington man was pulled over on Carlson and Central July 25 and found to be DUI. A San Leandro man was arrested for DUI on San Pablo and Portola on July 17 at 4:30 a.m. A Richmond man was arrested for DUI on San Pablo and Portola on July 26 at 3 a.m.

A residence on the 7000 block of Pebble Beach Drive was ransacked on July 16. On July 12 at 4 p.m., A Hayward man pried open a window to a residence on the 6100 block of Barrett Ave., but fled when he ran into the resident's cousin inside the house. The suspect was caught and charged with burglary. On July 17, an unknown suspect forced open the front door and ransacked an apartment on the 1200 block of Liberty Street, stealing cash and video game equipment.

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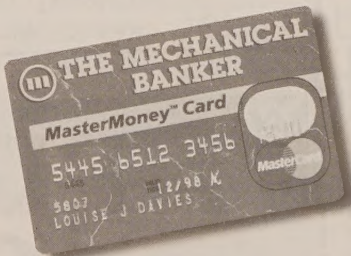
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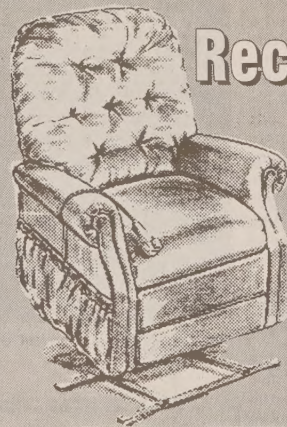
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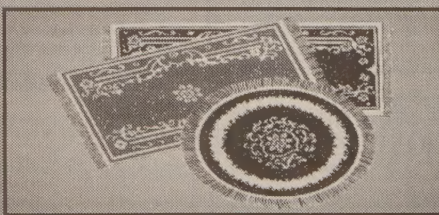
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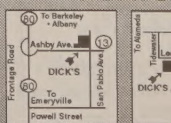


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Arts & Letters

Shakespeare Festival hosts Elderhostel

By Carol Egan

For the first time the California Shakespeare Festival hosted a six-day Elderhostel program focusing on Shakespeare and, in particular, *Pericles*, the current production at the Bruns Theatre.

According to Lisa Paulsen, Cal Shake's Education Director and Coordinator of the program, the festival was overwhelmed at the response. Anticipating perhaps 20 participants, 39 registered, only a third of whom came from California. The festival is now looking forward to offering similar programs annually.

Elderhostel, a non-profit organization founded in 1975 and based on a combination of European no-frills economy hosting with academic offerings, now works with an international network of 1,800 participating institutions. It offers programs in every state and Canadian province, as well as in over 45 foreign countries. Participants must be 55 or older and fees, excluding travel costs, average \$350 to \$400 for a six-day event.

Elderhostel's academic program requires no homework or preparatory work (though Paulsen found that everyone attending had read *Pericles* before coming to

Berkeley), offers no credit for the courses, and has no minimum educational requirements, although the classes given are college-level liberal arts or science courses selected by the host institution. The programs generally run from Sunday through Friday and include three separate courses, one of which is often devoted to the history of the locale.

The Berkeley program consisted of daily lectures, usually from 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. with additional excursions to the University Art Museum and a performance of *Pericles*. The lectures were devoted to *Pericles*, Shakespeare and "The Story of Berkeley." Faculty for the event included Remi Sandri, the actor who portrays *Pericles*, Lisa Paulsen, and Barbara Oliver (artistic director of the Aurora Theatre). Participants were housed and fed at UC Berkeley's Unit One dorm.

As the Elderhostel catalog states, "All you need to qualify is an inquiring mind." Inquiring minds seemed to be in abundance at the Shakespeare hostel. On the fourth day of classes, with the discussion focused on the actor's task, a lively exchange of ideas regarding character development, motivation, and interpretation



Ann and Pat MacAluso with Lisa Paulsen, California Shakespeare Festival education director.

took place. From the more general subject of portraying evil characters, Paulsen honed in to ask who the evil characters in *Pericles* were. From there a more in-depth analysis of the play ensued.

After handing out copies of short excerpts from the beginning of the play and the opening of Act I, Paulsen asked various participants to read the lines. Time was then devoted to dissecting the meaning behind the words. Opinions were asked for and shared. The search was for the "keys" into

the play.

Following a break the seminar resumed with another handout. This time from Act II, the scene between *Pericles* and the three fishermen. Following line readings and a discussion, Paulsen added, "This is so typical of Shakespeare, to take the greatest philosophical lines of the play and give them to the humblest characters."

For the final exercise of the morning, a sheet with nine "Line Happenings" was distributed. The group was divided into nine

smaller units, each of which was assigned one of the line happenings. The groups were told to present a physicalized version of the text material and given about 10 minutes to work together.

"It's very common for us to act out an image," explained Paulsen, adding, "It's a good technique to use — anytime you can get it out of your head and into your body and voice, it helps a lot."

The imaginative and kinesthetic results included a graceful

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'Da Wiz perfects homespun ingenuity

Berkeley Black Rep Group, Inc. Summer Troupe presents: *Da Wiz* performances every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. through Aug. 21, with special evening performances August 19, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. (510) 652-2120 for information.

By Wanda Sabir

Black Rep's summer production of *Da Wiz* is a play about 100 children, ages 6 to 12, who have been in rehearsal for six weeks preparing for their week run. For many it's the time acting, directing, or producing a play.

"The kids are responsible for everything," one of the directors, Sean Vaughn-Scott, said during a recent intermission. "They control the curtains, give the make sure the show on stage, etc.," while adults provide technical assistance and training.

Da Wiz, a spoof on the Broadway musical by similar name, the heroine Dorothy, returns South Berkeley, rather than Kansas, at the end of her journey through the Land of Oz. The play begins with actor, Ray W. Toto scampering through the audience on all fours, with a Shelby May's Dorothy costume. For the next hour and a half, Dorothy and her family of friends "ease on out

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'Irma Vep' is a ride through the madhouse of filmmaking

By Tiller Russell

Irma Vep is either a movie about filmmaking or a film about moviemaking. Either way, it's something worth seeing.

Directed by one of France's rising cinematic stars, Olivier Assayas (*Desordre*, *L'Enfant De L'Hiver*, *L'Eau Froide*), *Irma Vep* is the latest entry in an illustrious genre.

Like its predecessors, *Living in Oblivion* and *8**, the film's action takes place in the madhouse known as a film set. And in a nod to Fellini, the insanity begins on high and trickles its way down.

High, in this case, is declining director Rene Vidal (Jean-Pierre Leaud), who in his infinite folly has decided to attempt a remake of the classic 1916 silent serial *Les Vampires*.

His ballast in this doomed enterprise is his leading lady: Hong Kong superstar Maggie Cheung playing ... Hong Kong superstar Maggie Cheung. In fact, the only thing Rene knows for sure about the film he wants to make is that Maggie is perfect to play Irma Vep, captain of a den of jewel thieves known as Les Vampires.

Rolling the cameras at this point is kind of like trying to build a house around a prize piece of furniture ... without a plan. But, what the Hell, says Rene, Maggie looks great in her latex rubber suit.

As far as Maggie can tell, Rene's lunacy is as infectious as the chicken pox in a kindergarten classroom. And, before long the whole crew is reeling around the set like a bunch of drunks driving bumper-cars.

So, Maggie, in turn, finds some-

one to lean on, but the problem is, Zoe wants to be leaned on ... horizontally.

After a few days of shooting, the trouble comes to a head. Every-

body hates everybody, except Maggie, whom they all love. And as the back-stabbing catinness of the crew climbs to a feverish pitch, Maggie is left alone as l'objet de

desire.

The unrelenting focus (of the eye of the camera and that of the crew) on Maggie, leaves her adrift in a sea of superficiality.

It is as if Maggie is the screen

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Maggie Cheung plays herself in 'Irma Vep'

East Bay Events

Chinese art and performance at I-House

Tonight, Aug. 7, a group of performers and artists will gather at International House Berkeley for Joyous Rainbow, a mini-festival of Chinese culture. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the I-House auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave. and will feature song, dance, drama, clothing and handicrafts. Featured artists include Karma Maffet, an acclaimed Chinese musician, Jun Zhi Cui, performer of traditional Chinese harp and Joy Lin, performing dances originating from China's Silk Road. The event is free to I-House members, residents and alumni, tickets are \$3 for the general public, available at the door.

Photography show

Berkeley Camera Club members will exhibit black and white and color prints in the Gallery through Aug. 30. The gallery is located at 2295 Shattuck Ave., open Wed. through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The club is a group of amateur and professional photographers formed in 1946. Call 444-7959 or 521-7985 for more information.

Competition features works on paper

The Berkeley Art Center's 13th Annual Juried Exhibition opened Wednesday, Aug. 6, and will hold a reception for the artists Sunday, Aug. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. This year's juror, Gary Garrels, Elise S. Haas Chief Curator and Curator of Sculpture at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art selected 47 works by 36 artists from among nearly 400 who submitted works. The event is at 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park, admission is free.

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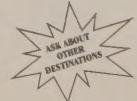
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Elderhostel

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punctuating the lines, "And with like serpents are, who though... On sweetest flowers, yet they... Execution this dancery move... as an 87-year-old participant! Program participants included... Elderhostel veterans as well as newcomers such as Merriem... a teacher from Bakersfield... response to the event was... "The lectures have been... By all standards they're... superb. This is my first... Elderhostel, and I'm intrigued by... amount of experience and in-... of the other participants." On the other hand Ann... Aluso from Deerfield Beach... admitted this was about her... Elderhostel. "I really love... She and her husband were

one of eight couples in attendance. Muriel Soffer from New York has attended Elderhostels in Tucson, Az., at the Peabody Institute, and in Virginia. The latter, the subject of which was China, was so compelling, she said, that a participant suffering from heart problems, insisted on being released from the hospital in time to hear the next lecture. She admitted, however, to having another reason for coming to this particular program. Her daughter, Lynne Soffer, is a member of the cast of *Pericles*, performing the roles of Chorus and Diana. As one participant observed, "It's strictly non-Equity." But the enthusiasm, commitment and level of participation was definitely of the highest calibre. To find out more about Elderhostel, write to Elderhostel, Inc. at 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110-1941.

Irma

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into which each character projects his own fantasy (read: film). Whether it's the neurotic Rene or the horny Zoe, every person seeks his reflection in the mirror of Maggie. And, thank God, none of them... As the film races toward its ending, where all Hell breaks loose, the tension rises exponentially. While it keeps you laugh-

ing, it's in that nervous, not-sure-this-is-funny kind of way. The final minutes of the movie are some of the most exhilarating. Let Irma Vep serve as a warning and a call to arms for anyone contemplating the madness of filmmaking: Watch out, Hurry Up!... it seems to say. Irma Vep will screen at the UC Theater August 15-17. Showtimes are 2:45, 5:00, 7:15 and 9:30.

'Da Wiz'

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the road..." through 18 marvelous scenes — my favorites: *Crows and Scarecrow*, *Subway*, *Poppy Seed*, and *Evillene's Sweatshop*. *Da Wiz* is a gem! The singing, company dances, costumes, are all wonderful for their homespun ingenuity, and with its multiple casting, no show is quite like the other.

After last Thursday's show, featuring Shelby Mays as Dorothy, DeAndre Harris, as the Lion, Terran Holmes as Scarecrow, Keith Wilson as the Tin Man, Ray Wilson as Toto, the dog; Yasmeen Nasir as Evillene, Tamika Harris as the Wiz, Theresa DeBerry as Miz One, and Nabila Lester as Glinda, I spoke to a number of the cast.

They found many beautiful voices among the children who signed up, and the production provided an opportunity for kids take center stage, to be the positive center of things.

Tamika Harris, 13, said she liked acting. Her previous performances included Black Rep's *Porgy and Bess*, and Willard Junior High School's production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Keith Wilson, 13, entering Berkeley High in the fall, was displeased with the quality of that day's performance. "(Kids) couldn't get their lines right in rehearsal, and forgot their lines on stage! It threw the performance

off. They need to act like they want to perform," he said. Wilson's sister, now a college student, was in the Berkeley High School production of *The Wiz*, a few years ago. He liked the show so much he wanted to learn more about acting. Having seen that production, I could see how Berkeley High's *The Wiz* could motivate Wilson and his cousin DeAndre Harris.

DeAndre Harris, 13, agrees. "I always wanted to be in a play," he said. After his first performance, Harris' stage-fright disappeared and he felt like a "real actor." Indeed, Harris was a great lion, even after he lost his tail.

Aunt Bea DeBerry, volunteer since 1963, and grandmother to many in this summer's cast, is another one of the directors in this year's production. "It was a challenge," she said, calling *Da Wiz* an effort to showcase hidden talent in the ghetto. She said they found many beautiful voices among the children who signed up, and the production provided an opportunity for kids take center stage, to be the positive center of things, which for many, was a new experience that demanded a lot of hard, yet reward-



Dorothy finds herself surrounded by munchkins.

Kristen Loken

ing, work. I didn't see any sad faces that afternoon. From tiniest actors and actresses to their older peers, everyone appeared to be having a great time. Shallah Collins, 7, agrees. "I like spending my summer like this!" Shallah was in several dance numbers. Her mom helped make the "munchkin" costumes, in addition to getting daughter Shallah to rehearsals each day on time. For the Collins' this summer of theatre has been a family project. Some of the Black Rep's regular season performers had their kids try out for *Da Wiz*. Terran Holmes, whose

mother Danita Holmes, was last seen in *Lady Sings the Blues...*, landed the role of Scarecrow in this summer's production. Nabila Lester, 16, just relocating from New York this summer, and entering Berkeley High this fall, said she didn't know that she could sing until Black Rep musical director and song arranger, Ramone Bowden, convinced, then showed her how to do it. The song *Believe In Yourself*, which Glinda sings to Dorothy and her friends, at the show's conclusion, describes the overall theme of Black Rep's summer youth program.

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Upcoming

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Community Events

Aug. 14

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Kensington 55+ Activity Center
Aug. 7; 11 a.m.; Storytelling, Nina Serrano of Stagebridge Senior Theatre tells stories, first Thursday potluck lunch will be served.

Aug. 14; 11 a.m.; Life Planning with J. Frederick Clarke, Jr. on Medi-Cal and Long-Term Care planning.

Call for the regular weekly schedule. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center
Aug. 7; 1 p.m.; video movie, "Sneakers" Aug. 7; Sausalito Trip; Bay Model, Konkrite Museum, etc.; \$13.

Aug. 8; 1 p.m.; video opera "Rossini C'Italiana In Algeri" part 2

Aug. 11; 10:30 p.m.; Heath Problems of Men with Dr. McGillis

Aug. 12; 1:15 p.m.; discussion: "Taking Chances" with Betty Goren.

Aug. 13; 1 p.m.; video, "1939 Treasure Island, World Fair" with Club Hispano

Aug. 14; 11 p.m.; Stretch Exercise with Josephine Castillo

Call for support groups and special services.

1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits

Ongoing Berkeley Camera Club: members exhibit their black and white color prints in the Berkeley Store Gallery through Aug. 29; Wednesday through Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Corner of Bancroft and Shattuck; 521-7985 or 444-7959.

Growing up Asian in America: contest winners are on display at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch through Aug. 31, the work on exhibit was chosen from 1,900 entries submitted by youths from nine Bay Area counties; 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

Photography: through Sept. 12; Kira Chuchom, Liz Corden, Marinell Daniel, Shelly Erceg, Bill gimbel, Kent Hasel, Beth Kientzle, Jan Potts, George Protos, Robert Schwein, Abby Zimberg.

"I Never Met a Color I Didn't Like"; through Sept. 2; artist reception Aug. 1; an exhibit of quilts by Freddy Moran; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 94707.

Art Huang: through Aug. 31; an exhibit of recent paintings, artist reception Aug. 6, 5 - 7 p.m.; The University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way at Bowditch, Berkeley; (415) 431-3925.

Sticks Fine Art Gallery: Carol Aust paintings and Liz Maxwell paintings and etchings; through Sept. 10; artist reception Aug. 15; 1579B Solano Ave., Berkeley; 526-6603.

Sensations in Steel: Transformative Steel Sculpture: Darin Tennesen presides over her Clockwork Orange studio of steel; through August 15; artist reception July 19 from 6 - 8 p.m.; Albany Arts Gallery, 1251 Solano Avenue at Masonic.

Stan Peterson: sculpture and furniture, through August 10; artist reception on July 16; 6 - 8 p.m.; ZIA Houseworks, 1310 Tenth St., Berkeley; 528-9224.

Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serotta, 1988 - 96: the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Lectures and Workshops

Aug. 8 Critical Thinking: Understanding the Characteristics of Pseudoscience: 8 p.m.; Ray Westergaard on why people believe the strange things they do, illustrated with a plethora of pseudoscientific and paranormal beliefs including astrology, creationism, channeling, alien abductions, reincarnation, as well as his own personal experiences with Transcendental Meditation, the 100th Monkey Phenomenon, spiritualism, fire walking, Scientology and Uri Geller; Mulford Hall (the Forestry building) at UC Berkeley; 420-0702; sponsored by the East Bay Skeptics Society, Aug. 10

Being Financially Secure While Spiritually Focused: 10 a.m.; First Woman's Church August celebration, women are invited to bring rattles, drums and a flower for the altar; First Unitarian Church, corner of Cedar and Bonita, in the Connie Barber room; 848-5449.

Buddhism Retreat: 6 - 7 p.m.; "What

to Expect on a Six-month Buddhist retreat," with Peggy Kincaid, Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Ave., Berkeley; 843-6812.

Ongoing

Discussion Group for Holocaust Survivors: 6:30 - 8 p.m.; eight week discussion group, include the experience and lessons learned in a survivor family, the feelings about the Holocaust, the Jewish identity and other topics; Jewish Family & Children's Service, the East Bay, 2484 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; advanced registration required, 704-7475, Ms. Veronika.

Turning Point Career Center: Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, 4 - 5 p.m. in support groups for job seekers.

Aug. 7; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; PM Skills: Resumes, Cover Letters, views; \$5

Aug. 12; 1:30 p.m.; free job orientation

Aug. 12; 4 p.m.; Assess Yourself and Deal Yourself a Winning Hand

Aug. 12; 7 - 8 p.m.; Aug. 12; 2:30 p.m.; Tapping into Your Market; \$5

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6375.

Literary Events

Black Oak Books

Aug. 7; 7:30 p.m.; Judy Stein

Aug. 10; 7:30 p.m.; Dorothy

Aug. 12; 7:30 p.m.; Malcolm Margolin, John Oliver

Aug. 11; 7:30 p.m.; Normal

Aug. 13; 7:30 p.m.; Moby-Dick

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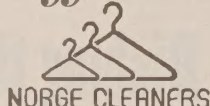
Aug. 7; 7:30 p.m.; Wayne

Aug. 14; 7:30 p.m.; How Then Shall We Live?

Aug. 14; 7:30 p.m.; 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698

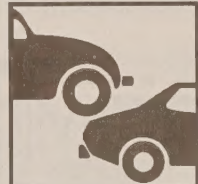
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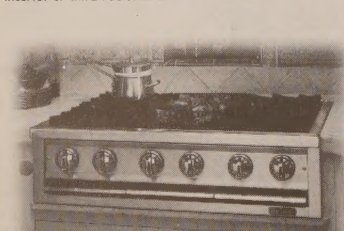
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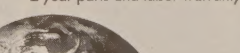
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The McGwire aftermath

More dismal days ahead for fans of the Athletics

By Alan M. Goldfarb
Hills Newspapers Sports Editor

As Mark McGwire, followed by A's general manager Sandy Alderson emerged from the press conference after announcing the former's departure last Thursday, a small woman walked up to Alderson and said, "I've been an A's fan for a long time. Shame on you, what you did to this team."

As quickly as she appeared the woman, who was perhaps in her late 60s, vanished. For an instant, Alderson seemed to shudder in mock shock as he looked back at me, the only reporter in the vicinity.

"I guess she told you," I said to Alderson who, as the A's frontman in this most poignant trade the club has made in recent

COMMENTARY

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years, will no doubt be taking the flack.

But Alderson, who kept following McGwire down to the clubhouse, surprisingly replied, "Oh, she's been telling me that all year."

It could be said that Alderson, at the bidding of A's owners Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann, has been doing it to Oakland not only this year, but ever since the two developers bought the club a couple of seasons ago.

That pro franchise's have been sticking it to their fans for lo these many years, is nothing new. Like much in American society at the end of the 20th century, we are numbed and sit there and take it.

Oh, we can choose not to go to the ballpark, as we here in Oakland have been doing the past two agonizing seasons. But where does that get us? If they're not setting us up for a good



excuse to abandon us for a move to Dublin or Sacramento, they're making us sit there and watch a minor league-caliber team as we pay major league prices. For what? For medioc-

erty and a promise of a competitive team in the future?

A's culpable

As much as McGwire wanted

out of here, the A's are just culpable wanting to dump huge salary which next season might reach an unfathomable level. See ATHLETICS on page 11.

'Circus' King is readying his Bears act for 1997-98

Point guard is ready to play for Cal this season

By John Gardella

SAN FRANCISCO — If, since transferring to Cal, things had gone as smoothly for Raymond "Circus" King as one of his shake-his-defender-out-of-his-sneakers moves, the lefty would be gearing up to play for a coach that befriended him when he was in the sixth grade, on a team looking to improve on a Sweet 16 season.

That's not going to happen for the El Cerrito native, though.

Things started going wrong when Todd Bozeman resigned last summer. Then King suffered a stress fracture in a summer league, meaning he not only had to sit a season after transferring from San Diego State, he couldn't even practice with the Bears.

Recently, the NCAA ruled that

Cal's 1997-98 basketball season is going to end when the final buzzer rings its last regular-season game. The NCAA put the program on probation because of the Bozeman-Jelani Gardner pay-off fiasco.

"We just gotta go out and win a Pac-10 title," King said Monday after his San Francisco Bay Area Pro-Am League squad, Bay Pride, lost in the first round of the playoffs at Kezar Pavilion. "That's going to be our motivation. Bottom line is we should be a good, young, hungry team."

Braun signs 2 other points

But King, who has three years of eligibility remaining, must now play for Ben Braun, who signed two transfers, Thomas Kilgore and Geno Carlisle, both have whom have experience at the point. That's King's

position as well.

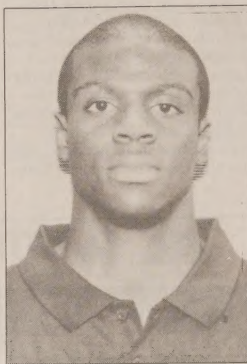
Kilgore transferred from Eastern Michigan, where Braun coached before he relocated to the West Coast. Carlisle transferred from Northwestern.

Yet, what King can do on a court, the oohs and aahs he elicits from the crowd, the way he can pull a Medusa with his cross-over dribble and freeze a defender, can't be duplicated by many players and certainly can't be tempered by happenings outside the boundaries of the hardwood or the blacktop.

After all, there's a reason for the moniker "Circus," and it's not because he clowns around.

Asked whether his leg is 100 percent, and the 5-foot-10 wonderkind just laughs. Ask once more, he laughs again.

King, whose Bay Pride team lost



Raymond 'Circus' King. Will he be Cal's point guard?

a heartbreaker Monday to S.F. City in the Pro-Am League, 99-98, after the refs ruled Lucious Davis' apparent game-tying 3-pointer was a two, brought the near-capacity crowd to its feet throughout the game, shaking defenders with more moves than an exotic dancer.

Smallest player at Kezar

The shortest player on the court, King led his team with 26 points,

most coming on daring drives to the hoop where, after eluding hapless defenders on the perimeter with one of the best handles at the collegiate level, he hoisted high-arching shots over the big boys' outstretched arms. Along the way he found time for five assists, three steals and three rebounds.

Perhaps King's most jaw-dropping move Monday was a non-play. He was hovering at the top of the key midway through the third period, guarded by Waymond Strickland, formerly of Riordan High, the University of San Diego, and a pro league in China.

King lulled Strickland with a slow back-and-forth dribble, before faking hard right. Strickland bit and King brought the ball back to his left, cocked his arm and, while looking right, zipped a fastball to a wide-open Eddie House (Arizona State), who was under the basket, and who then proceeded to blow the layup.

After the game, as King sat on the bench signing autographs for a ring of fans three deep, House, who finished his freshman year as the Sun Devils' third leading scorer, had this assessment: "Circus'll do all right in the Pac-10."

Why not? He was the Cal Show in Kezar that night.

Biggest ovation

Bay Area fans are quite

'We just gotta go out and win a Pac-10 title ... We should be a good, young, hungry team.'

— RAYMOND 'CIRCUS' KING

King's circus act. When the lineups were announced at the game, he received the loudest applause even though the opposition consisted of San Francisco players including USF's Hakeem Watson. Pro-Am (the same league in which King sustained his injury last season) brings together some of the Bay Area's best players. Bay Area roster actually boasts three players: Gary Payton (Seattle), Kevin Price.

'97 San Anselmo Invitational champion El Cerrito Broncos front row, left to right: Scott Lyon, Tyler Nation, Sebastian Miles, Julian Coffman, David Greenstein; back row: Greg Morales, Steve Nation, Greg Morales, Christopher Morocco, Ryan Minix, Ryan De La Rosa, Cherrin, coach Jack Morocco; middle row, back manager Kevin Minix; not pictured: Adam Kronenbitter, Kevin Price.

were another three-run home by Minix, a two-run double by La Rosa and an RBI single by Christopher Morocco.

Minix a career game

Minix had a career game at Lafayette. Besides his two-run homers, he also had a double and a single and drove in three runs. Nation had a homer and doubles to drive in three runs. Greenstein had a double and a single to go along with his homer and two RBIs. Miles went 5-for-5 with a double and four singles. He had four runs and had an RBI.

The Broncos collected an impressive 35 hits.

To reach the title game, the Broncos defeated Canyon Creek 9-3, Sunday morning. La Rosa hit two home runs, a single and drove in three runs. Morocco had a homer and also drove in three; and Greenstein had a run, single and two RBIs. Minix had two hits.

The Broncos pitchers strung out nine as EC defeated Danville on Saturday to reach the championship round.

Minix and Greenstein pitched two innings and each out two while giving up a hit. Morocco came on to pitch the sixth inning, striking out five batters he faced and giving no hits. The three pitchers walk a batter.

See BRONCOS on page 11.

Why don't ya go take a hike

The Berkeley Hiking Club has announced its schedule for the month of August, with hikes departing from Shattuck Avenue and Berkeley Way.

The August schedule: Aug. 17 — Mini hike (4 miles): Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve and Redwood Park, 9:30 a.m.; Aug. 17 — Mystery hike (8 miles): 8:30 a.m.; Aug. 24 — Mini hike (4-5 miles): Mt. Tamalpais; Aug. 24 — Phleger Estate, Peninsula (7-8 miles); Aug. 31 — Mini hike (4-5 miles): Horseshoe Trail; Aug. 31 — Oakland staircases (10 miles); Aug. 31 — Amblers Hike (1-2 miles).

The Hiking Club is looking for leaders. Call 654-3148 for more details.

El Cerrito golf tourney August 25

The City of El Cerrito is looking for 40 more golfers for a fundraising tournament Aug. 25 called Golf Scramble — to be played at the Mira Vista Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament, which will be played in "shotgun" style, will go to El Cerrito's David Hunter Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund. The fund offers scholarships for EC's recreational and child care programs. The scholarships assist families in need by providing safe, See GOLF on page 11



EC Broncos terrific in San Anselmo

By Scott Strain

The Blue Broncos of the El Cerrito Pony Baseball league capped an outstanding season of play by sweeping to victory in the San Anselmo Invitational last week.

They put together a truly awesome display in winning six straight games, culminating in a 25-8 rout of Lafayette in the championship game Sunday afternoon.

The Broncos scored 87 runs (14.5 per game) on 80 hits and compiled a .450 batting average and hit 11

home runs.

They also had strong pitching,

allowing only 13 runs in the six games and compiling an earned-run average of 1.88.

Ten of the players had been together for at least five years, said parent Katie

Minix, "and when it (the last game) was over, it was truly emotional. Most of the players will go on (in Pony League), but some won't. This team has been together a long time."

Come from behind

Believe it or not, the Broncos won the tournament title by overcoming an 8-4 deficit against Lafayette in the championship game.

They scored nine runs on 10 hits in the fourth inning as Sebastian Miles and Ryan De La Rosa hit

back-to-back doubles to score one run and later Randy Minix hit a three-run home run to cut the lead to 8-7.

Greg Morales then singled and David Greenstein hit a two-run homer to give the Broncos a 9-8 lead and the Broncos never looked back.

Tyler Nation followed with a solo home run and the Broncos scored three more times after that.

The Broncos put the game away in the sixth, scoring 12 runs on as many hits. Highlights of the inning

Pony League San Anselmo Invitational Championship

**El Cerrito 25
Lafayette 8**

Athletics

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million. It used to be that a player such as McGwire, one of the modern cra's greatest sluggers, would never have been allowed to be dealt for a bunch of draftees. It used to be that you'd get a player in kind—one who was nearly as good as the player your team traded. But these aren't used-to-be days.

It can be argued that McGwire, who hits a home run almost as often as did Babe Ruth, wanted to be traded and that this is no salary dump. Of course the slugger wanted out of here. He's no fool. He knows how much this team has been stinking up the joint.

McGwire's no sentimental fool, either. The *San Francisco Examiner*, the day after the deal went down, pictured McGwire in full color, his biceps bulging from under his white T-shirt, as his blue eyes, they said, welled up with tears.

No tears

Let me tell you, those were no tears. McGwire was sitting not 10 feet from McGwire that afternoon, and I've stood closer to him than you from your TV on many occasions, and I've looked into McGwire's eyes many times. The eyes

tell a lot about a man.

I must admit that I too wanted our best player to feel some emotion. I too wanted him to crack a little and show some of his inner self. It would have been perfect: Big Mac, who staunchly stood up to us reporters as we hounded him these past weeks as talk of his departure became imminent, revealing that he was sad to be leaving.

Those were no tears of regret this ballplayer cum businessman displayed in that hot room under the bowels of the Coliseum last Thursday. Those were merely tears caused by contact lenses, which have always bothered McGwire.

Blinking eyes

We'll all remember 6-foot-5, 250-pound Mark McGwire poised for the pitch at the plate, his bat swinging to and fro rhythmically, crouching as if he were some lead-off hitter, eyes blinking as he tried to clear them long enough to enable him to grab hold of the ball.

Those were his contact lenses causing his eyes to well up at the plate. Those were the same contacts which made it appear last Thursday that McGwire really did give a damn about us.

Oh, he thanked us for supporting him, but that was just a perfunctory gesture. He quipped he wanted to stay here until the Nimitz was com-

pleted. His departure came almost to the day that it was.

But now that that portion of our highway is done, as is our Coliseum, to soon be followed by our Arena, what will we have left?

Poor schnooks

But what about us, the poor schnooks who every time get snookered into paying the freight for pro teams which we hope will make the rest of the country think we're big league? It is sure looking like all we'll be left with is a cavernous concrete stadium which will used for only 10 football games, a few concerts, and a big revival tent.

I wish I could find that old lady who barked out to Alderson her displeasure. She spoke for many of us. Because, in this latest trade, we're the player to be named later, much later.

Golf

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high quality programs for children. This summer the fund has assisted 25 families.

The deadline for signing up for the tournament has been extended to Monday, Aug. 11. All levels of

Broncos

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De La Rosa leads the way

At the plate, the Broncos had 13 hits. De La Rosa led the way with a triple, double and three RBI. Minix had three singles and an RBI and Morocco had a double, single and also drove in a run.

EC had its toughest game when it defeated host San Anselmo, 4-1, on Friday. Greenstein homered and Scott Lyon hit a sacrifice fly to put the Broncos up, 2-0, in the first inning.

De La Rosa singled to drive in a run and Julian Coffman also had a hit. Will Cherrin, who had a fine defensive game at second base, also doubled.

Bronco pitchers allowed only one hit and struck out nine San Anselmo batters. Minix struck out four in two innings, Nation one and Morocco finished with four strikeouts.

EC collected 25 hits and scored 18 runs in the second inning Thursday as it defeated West Marin, 24-1, in a second-round game that lasted just four innings. Morocco led the way with a home run and five RBI. Lyon had three singles and four RBI and Greenstein added a double, single and three RBI.

Pitchers allow 1 hit

On the mound, Minix, De La Rosa and Morocco combined for seven strikeouts and allowed one hit.

The Broncos opened the invitational with a 17-0 victory over

Rincon Valley in four innings. Cherrin had a double and single to drive in three runs and Greenstein hit three singles and had three RBI. Morocco had a double and two singles and drove in a run as EC collected 16 hits overall.

On the mound, Minix struck out four of the six batters he faced and Nation struck out three of seven. No walks were allowed, and Nation gave up the only hit.

Manager Kevin Minix and coaches Jack Morocco and Steve Nation kept this group of 10- and 11-year-olds together for five years. Despite losing the Richmond Section Tournament and getting knocked out of the Pony Baseball playoffs, the Blue Broncos finished the season with a 18-4 record.

King

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son Kidd (Phoenix) and Rex Walters (Philadelphia); although they play only when they're in town and when their schedule permits.

It's just the right atmosphere and level of competition for someone such as King, who is honing his game for Pac-10 play after a year layoff.

"It's a great way for me to get in shape," said King, who finished second in the Western Athletic Conference in assists as a freshman at San Diego State. "It most definitely gets me ready."

King has also spent part of his summer working out with St. Joseph High's Ray Young, considered the best high school player in the Bay Area and one of the top players in the country.

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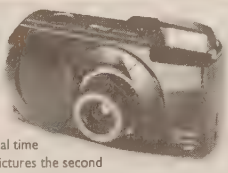
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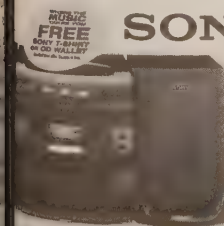
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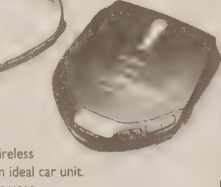


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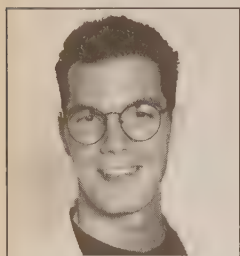
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As I See It

by Dr. Jason A. Deitch

Even though millions of people around the world are enjoying the positive health benefits of chiropractic care, millions more are still curious. *Bringing Out The Best In You!*, written by Dr. Tedd Koren, discusses some of the commonly asked questions about this natural way of getting and staying well.

At what age should someone begin getting a spinal checkup?

It is wise to begin to take care of your spine with spinal checkups from the time that you have a spine. Just as it is wise to take care of your teeth and get a dental checkup from the time you have teeth. Waiting for the neck or back to hurt before taking care of a spine is like waiting for a tooth to hurt before taking care of teeth.

What does a Doctor of Chiropractic do?

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What is a Vertebral Subluxation?

When misaligned spinal bones (vertebrae) affect your nerves it can be very dangerous. Vertebral Subluxations are very common and often painless. They can affect your balance, spinal health, posture, resistance to disease and internal organ health. Vertebral Subluxations prevent you from functioning at your best and may make you more prone to physical, chemical and emotional stress, leading to sickness, weakness, fatigue and early aging.

Can I tell if I have a Vertebral Subluxation without consulting a Doctor of Chiropractic?

Not always. A Vertebral Subluxation is like a dental cavity. You may have it for a long period of time before symptoms appear. That is why periodic spinal checkups are so important. Only a Doctor of Chiropractic is uniquely trained to detect and correct this stress to the body's most vital communication system (the nervous system).

Is chiropractic safe?

Chiropractic is among the safest of the healing arts. As proof, one merely has to compare malpractice rates between Doctors of Chiropractic and other health professionals.

Is it bad to "crack" or "pop" your neck or back a lot?

Many doctors feel that the "popping" of the neck or back is a result of a buildup of internal stress from a jammed or fixated vertebra (hypo mobility), causing other parts of the spine to compensate by

moving too much (hyper mobility) and therefore "popping" a lot. Cracking or popping your own neck may give relief for a while, but soon the urge to pop or crack reappears because the cause of the spinal tension has not been corrected.

What causes the sound of an adjustment?

Often adjustments will create the sound of a spinal "release" and yet some adjustments create no sound at all. A British research team took x-ray movies of people "popping" their knuckles. The sound appeared to be caused by gas rushing in to fill the partial vacuum created when the joints were slightly mobilized.

Can I go to a Doctor of Chiropractic if I am under medical care?

Yes, the correction of Vertebral Subluxations is important no matter what other type of health care you are receiving. Today many D.C.'s and M.D.'s work together in clinics and on joint research projects. M.D.'s are quite likely to have patients who are under chiropractic care; in fact, many medical doctors and their families see a Doctor of Chiropractic themselves.

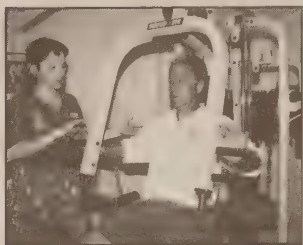
Do Doctors of Chiropractic believe in medicine and surgery?

Certainly, as Norman Cousins says in *The Healing Heart*: "There are times when intervention in the form of medicine or surgery is absolutely necessary but there is never a time when the nourishment one puts into one's body or one's mind is not essential to health." Doctors of Chiropractic add spinal care to Mr. Cousins' observation.

How can I find out more about whether a Doctor of Chiropractic can help my family and me?

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by Jayne Robertson

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Montclair Acupuncture

by Dr. Lucy Liu

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Case 8 - Janet's son had sprained his ankle. It was seriously swollen and bruised. He was desperately in need of treatment because he planned to go to Israel for an international running race. After three treatments (once a day), the swelling and bruising was 90% gone. He won two gold medals!

Janet's family has benefited from Chinese medicine. They say treatment is really a miracle!

Lucy is devoted to treating patients. She says, "My belief in Chinese medicine natural healing. Interacting them brings me great pleasure."

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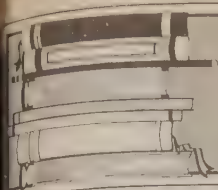


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Back To School

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Girls take home much more from sports than just a good dunk shot

It's 3:00 on a sunny Friday afternoon in July. Alena Chun and Alicia Mag both 13 and going into eighth grade at King Middle School this fall, take a break from the energetic basketball game they have been playing. There are only three other girls on the court; the rest of the players are boys, and the game is one of many sports they've been playing this week in the Albany YMCA's Playground Rats summer camp.

Both girls are bright, athletic, and outgoing, and they're holding their own against the boys. "I've learned not to be intimidated by the boys," Alicia says. "Yeah," Alena chimes in,

"I like to show the boys that they're not the only ones who can play."

Alena and Alicia have been involved in team sports since elementary school. Both girls credit sports with helping them gain confidence, improve their concentration (very helpful when doing homework, Alicia says), and learn how to work in a group. And it's fun, too.

"We're creating an environment that is comfortable for girls, giving them the opportunity to take on leadership roles while learning the skills and rules of the game," says Carl Oosterman, Youth and Teen Director at the Downtown Berkeley

YMCA. "Helping girls develop confidence and have healthier lifestyles really fits into our mission of building strong kids."

Basketball, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics, tennis... there are so many sports to choose from, but the important thing for girls is to get involved. As for Alena and Alicia, both girls plan to keep playing sports as they get older. "Definitely," Alena says.

For more

information on the YMCA girls' sports programs, contact the Downtown Berkeley YMCA at (510) 848-9622, or the Albany YMCA at (510) 525-1130.



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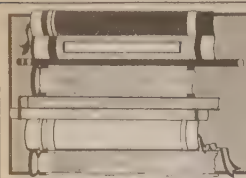
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Parents Can Give Children Math Power

Every child loves puzzles and games. That's why it's helpful to connect the puzzles and games played at home with the math taught in school.

According to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), by developing everyday activities into mathematical games, parents can help make the "math connection" that will build youngsters' interest in the subject.

One idea suggested by NCTM is to discuss with your children which grocery store is best for shopping. You can base decisions solely on price, or introduce other factors such as quality, availability of brands and service to make the problem more complex. If you start by

just asking the question, your kids may look at newspaper ads to compare prices or check the prices of a few items in the stores themselves.

Energy use is another possibility. Ask your children to make a bar graph plotting your monthly electric bills for the past year. Encourage them to ask why those bills fluctuate from month to month. The same thing can be done with heating bills.

Have your child make a scale drawing of one of the rooms in your house and make scale templates of the furniture in that room to show proper perspective. Together, rearrange the furniture in as many patterns as possible. Discuss whether additional pieces of furniture could fit in the room.

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Standard board and card games are good for developing math skills and interests, but you can also use simple pencil-and-paper games such as these:

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Pick-a-Problem:

Essentially the same as the game above, but here the blank boxes are arranged in addition or subtraction tables. The goal for each is to finish with the largest positive number once the calculation is completed.

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to prepare for a career.

"High school students planning to attend college should look for a school that will give them the knowledge and hands-on experience they need to begin their careers in today's technology-driven workplace," says George Dean, vice president of curriculum planning and development for DeVry Institutes. "The job market requires that employees know the basic principles of technology. Students with the

right education will be invaluable to future employers."

One way high school students can prepare for tomorrow's emerging technology is to attend a college that focuses on practical experience as well as on theoretical learning. Many employers would agree they are particularly interested in graduates who have had job opportunities outside academic classes.

"Take advantage of internship experiences that are

related to your field," said Dean. "Practical work applications provide useful information for future real-world situations."

There are other factors students should think about when choosing a college. In addition to cost and geographic location, consider the curriculum, the skills that will be acquired and the instructors who teach the courses.

"A solid college education will enable students to accept

new challenges, to accomplish a multitude of tasks and to be creative," Dean added. "It should also encourage them to be critical thinkers who can solve problems effectively and who have good verbal and written communication skills."

When searching for a college to attend, keep in mind that not only should it provide the basics of preparing for a career, but it needs to encourage continuing education. According to Dean, one of the

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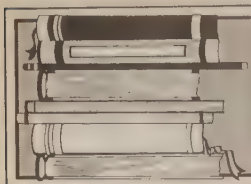
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Kids, Parents and Teachers Agree – Computers are Great for Education

Computers. You use them to be more organized at home and more productive at the office. Now it's clear that Americans also use computers as an educational tool, according to a new Microsoft / IntelliQuest National Computing Survey.

The survey of more than 2,800 Americans included teachers, children and parents. Overall, 74 percent of Americans surveyed believe computers have improved the quality of education.

The results reveal that among computer-using children, two

of the top three uses for computers are education-related: 76 percent use them for homework and 60 percent use them for school research.

Eighty-six percent of the children surveyed believe those skills are important for getting good grades in school and more than 90 percent believe computer skills will help them make more money in future jobs.

"We commissioned the National Computing Survey because we wanted to understand what Americans like and don't like about their comput-

ers and what role computers play in the education of America's children," said Pete Higgins, senior vice president at Microsoft.

Survey results also show that parents support their children's use of computers, with 86 percent believing that a computer is the most beneficial technology they can buy for their children.

Eighty-four percent of Americans surveyed believe

that the money spent on computers for schools is not a waste. And 84 percent believe that a computer is necessary to achieve educational success.

Most teachers agree that computers are beneficial. Seventy-seven percent of teachers responding and 67 percent of all respondents believe that computers can help kids learn at their own pace.

"The computer is a powerful learning tool," said Dr. Merle

Marsh, academic dean of the Worcester Country Day School in Berlin, Maryland. "The survey confirms my belief that computers can greatly enhance creativity and encourage individualized learning."

Who is driving the "computer revolution" for kids? Fifty-eight percent of parents surveyed believe teachers should be the ones helping kids learn how to use computers, while 28 percent believe parents have that

responsibility.

Conducted by Microsoft IntelliQuest, the National Computing Survey is a cross section of Americans who understand attitudes and behaviors toward computers and technology. It is the first of its kind to address how people use computers and technology and how it affects education, work and

E-Mail Turns Kids on to Writing

If your computer has e-mail, it contains "the write stuff" to get your children interested in writing. Why? E-mail is a fun, interactive way to help children develop important language and writing skills. With MCI's new booklet, Write Here, Write Now Educational E-Mail Guide, it's easy to get your children learning – with e-mail.

Educators say e-mail is valuable to children's education. "Sending and receiving e-mail provides a quick reward for practicing writing skills that will pay off in the classroom," explains Cheri Fuller, learning specialist and author of 10 books on child development. "A student's ability to write well affects his or her level of learning and achievement in every subject in school."

Parents can introduce youngsters to the fun of writing with Write Here, Write Now. Fuller worked with MCI to develop this

two-part guide. It's packed with information for parents and children. Included are tips for parents to help children sharpen language skills and a "just-for-kids" pull-out section with fun, instructive and easy computer e-mail activities.

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How To Choose A Good Children's Book



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Choose books appropriate for your child: Match your child's interests and develop-

ment level with the topics and styles of picture books.

• *Choose a variety of types of books for the child:* Young children appreciate everything from poetry to silly riddles to action-oriented fiction. Give children a chance to sample a wide range of books.

• *Look for a good story:* Children like a good plot. What's important is that the story strike an emotional chord in the child, making

them laugh, feel sad, or simply happy to have met the book's characters. Be sure to select a story that leaves the child with a sense of satisfaction.

• *Select books with illustrations that add to the story:* Look for a variety of illustrative styles. The best are those that work with the text, carry the story line and reflect the book's tone and interest.

• *Pick books with wonderful language:* Children like words that are silly, rhyme or roll off their tongues. Books with familiar refrains ("fee, fi, fo, fum!") and repeating events ("Jack went up the beanstalk") are also excellent choices.

For more great ideas to guide children into the joys of reading and writing, turn to the other five articles contained in *The ABCs of Raising a Reader*. The full-color, 12-page magazine comes complete with a pull-out Muppet poster and is available free of charge from July 1 through the early fall only on specially marked packages of Alpha-Bits cereal.

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(NAPS)—Getting kids to eat healthfully is often a challenge, especially when it comes to snack time. As this unhealthy snacking trend increases, the nutritional status of children declines. One third of American children are overweight—a 50 percent increase since the 1960s. More than half of children ages two through ten do not meet the minimum daily calcium requirements critical for healthy bone growth and strength.

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tains no artificial colors or flavors.

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Multi-media Notes

Bill Mann

'Elvis Meets Nixon'

How can anyone resist a movie with that name? I couldn't.

Next week marks the 20th anniversary of The King dying on his throne, and this new Showtime made-for-cable movie premiering Sunday night at 9 is the best of all the special Presley programs. It's a funny chronicle of the bizarre 48 hours leading up to one of recent history's strangest photo-ops. I've watched it twice.

Dick Cavett narrates this tale of what happened in December, 1970, when Elvis left the building (Graceland) for the first time ever without his entourage. He'd sent "the boys" home to celebrate Christmas with their families after first giving each of the "Memphis Mafia" a personalized holiday gift — handguns.

Rick Peters doesn't look much like The King, nor does actor Bob Gunton look like Tricky Dick, but that's not a major problem. This story is so bizarre — as narrator Cavett says "the fact that all this is true is what's so scary about it" — that you can overlook this.

See Elvis set off all the security alarms as he boards a commercial jet with two handguns! See Elvis use a firearm as a TV remote-control device! Watch as The Pelv enters an all-night donut shop in Washington's ghetto wearing his stage clothes and diamonds! Witness The King going nuts in a Sunset Boulevard record store when he finds all his albums in the Oldies bin! See the pill-popping Presley ask Nixon if he can become a DEA agent! ("Elvis didn't think pills were the same as drugs," says a bodyguard). Tony Curtis, Wayne Newton, Graham Nash, and Edwin Newman (!) also show up on this funny and fanciful Presley film. Don't miss it. Thankya very much.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Looking for a talk-radio alternative? Word is that S.F.-based (formerly at Jack London Square) country station KNEW (910 AM), which has posted negligible ratings for years, may soon switch to talk under its new management.

But it may not be local talk, but syndicated shows. Stay tuned. Have you seen that costly full-page ad ABC bought on the back of next week's TV Guide? It's headlined — I'm not making this up — "TV is Good." It reads, in part, "Let us celebrate our cerebral non-activity." This after the ad first derides critics who call it the "boob tube." TV good. Ad bad. This you've got to see ... Once the highest-paid talent in local radio, ex-KFRC morning man **Doctor Don Rose** recently moved back to the Bay Area from Phoenix. "It's great to be back, near my grandkids," the upbeat-as-always Rose told me the other day from his new home in Concord. At his \$400,000-a-year heyday in 1983, Rose lived in a fortress-like estate on a Danville hilltop. Dr. Don says his new digs are "far more modest."

If you've ever wondered about the host's knowing look and the inside-joke laughter on Monday's shows when **David Letterman**, as **Johnny Carson** was often wont to do, insults the previous night's audience, it's because Dave's Monday audience IS the previous night's audience — Letterman now tapes two shows on Friday ... Thought it was hot this week? The *Santa Rosa Press- Democrat* reports that up the coast, the average high in Fort Bragg this week was about 66. **Joe Regelski**, once **Alex Bennett's** radio sidekick, is still the newsmen on Fort Bragg's KOZI-FM, and he says coolly, "I love it up here." ... Speaking of Bennett, he was recently dumped at Live-105 because of declining ratings. After all, interviews with porn stars do wear thin after awhile. The station, in replacing him with **Tommy Steele**, wisely elected to keep his latest sidekick, talented traffic reporter/comic **Larry "Bubbles" Brown** on the show. Brown confirmed reports I'd heard that Bennett hadn't spoken to Brown for over a month before his ouster.

Who knows why? Who cares? Note to KRON anchor/East Bay resident **Wendy Tokuda**: That Soviet spacecraft is pronounced "MEER," not like that stuff one of the Three Wise Men carried, "myrrh." Four years in L.A. haven't done a thing for Tokuda's still-shaky newsreading ... Meanwhile, over at Wendy's old shop, KPX, reporter **Hank Plante's** piece from San Quentin the other day wasn't helped by Channel 5's botched graphic of an excerpt from the U.S. District's court's ruling staying Thomas Thompson's execution: "A manifest in justice," (sic) read the KPX graphic, paradoxically ... KGO Radio's **Ronn Owens** says he opened his first only-heard-in-L.A. show on KABC a few weeks back with this line: "Q. Who's the only Jewish guy to win a Heisman Trophy? A. Fred Goldman." ... Owens says his producer tries to split his calls 50-50 between the Bay Area and L.A. now, then reveals that if you hear someone whose location isn't identified, like "Bob from a car phone," that's code language for two calls in a row from the same area ... "Have you recently had laser cosmetic surgery?" I asked ever-obnoxious former KPX Radio talk host **Pat Thurston** when I saw her the other day at a Santa Rosa talk station where she's been doing fill-in. Thurston, the "happenin' gal" who once included her brasserie size in her resume — a play that worked at KPX — is now heard in those surgery ads on the radio seemingly every five minutes. Thurston sniffed to the Chron that she wouldn't work in Santa Rosa any more, it didn't pay enough. But the talent-impaired Thurston is vastly overpaid wherever she holds forth. Speaking of talk hosts (again), KGO talker/Channel 2 personality **Brian Copeland** of San Leandro tells me his wife has been trying to get him to have vasectomy, that three children is enough.

Copeland's response: "I don't want to live in a world where **Michael Jackson** can reproduce — and I can't." When I e-mailed Oakland screenwriter **Kenn Fong** my old line about the Four Words You Never Read in Herb Caen's Column this week — "Convicted felon Wilkes Bashford," Fong e-mailed back these suggestions: "Tobacco apologist Willie Brown" and "I paid for lunch." Let's let the poor man rest in peace, Kenn! ... Finally, thanks to Oakland's Laurie Arnold for e-mailing me this insightful quote of unknown authorship: "It's been said that if you put 200 chimpanzees in a room with 200 typewriters, one of them will eventually write the complete works of Shakespeare. The Internet has proven this false."

Questions or comments? Please write Bill c/o this newspaper or e-mail him at Newsman@aol.com.

Village

Continued from front page

Mortimer, another UC-Berkeley senior planner, Jacquie Bernier, kicked off the scoping session by going over some of the basic elements of the upcoming renovation of the 90-acre student housing complex. At present, the site is in for some sweeping changes, including sale of two, six-acre properties on Harrison Street in Berkeley, which are already on the market, commercial development of an as-yet undefined piece of property on San Pablo Avenue, and a general reconfiguration and improvement of the 920 units of student-family housing.

"Our primary goal in all of this is to provide decent housing," said Bernier, who added that other goals range from creating a pedestrian-oriented layout to improving the village's physical relationship with the surrounding community. As for the 15-acre Gill Tract at the northeast corner of the site, Bernier said the property is at present designated as an academic reserve, although, "We don't have an inkling of what's going to happen to the Gill Tract in the future."

New housing, configuration

The first step in the renovation, Bernier said, will involve tearing down 268 units of 1940s-era housing, as well as 88 units of surrounding 1960s-era housing, to make way for newer apartments. Those 356 units will, in turn, be replaced by a minimum of 390 units, with the second step of the project involving renovation of the remainder of housing and a third centering on the village's community/recreation facilities.

Also, while a portion of the prop-

erty on San Pablo will be leased to a private developer, Bernier said, the housing that currently occupies the land will not be torn down until an agreement is complete. As for the project as a whole, the university will submit requests for proposals this month to three teams of contractors and architects as part of a design/build competition, Bernier said, giving the teams eight weeks to come back with plans for the entire complex, from which the university will select one.

The future village will be designed on a courtyard principle, with an increase in density and a greater number of two and three bedroom units, Bernier said. If all goes well, demolition will begin in spring, 1998, with the first, 390-unit phase completed within two years.

Mortimer explained some of the potential impacts already identified by the university. In the area of "biological resources," for example, possible loss of eucalyptus trees near Village Creek, which the university hopes to daylight, could destroy monarch butterfly habitat, although no monarchs have been observed in the area. Also, proposed daylighting of Codornices Creek could impact red-legged frogs.

Development of both the Harrison Street and San Pablo Avenue parcels could have potential traffic impacts, Mortimer said, as well as creating vehicle-emission impacts on air quality. Also, noise, dust and increased traffic could result from construction, and the increased number of multi-bedroom units could impact local schools by creating a greater student population.

Among members of the public,

the majority of concerns revolved not around environmental impacts but rather around planning of the renovated village. For example, Albany resident Alan Maris reiterated what has been a common concern — recreational playfields. Bernier said the university hopes to have three fields at the complex, although one, near San Pablo Avenue, might end up on the western portion of the property in the area currently inhabited by the village's community gardens.

A Berkeley woman asked what would happen to the child care center on the property, to which Bernier responded the center would, for now, remain where it is.

As for the future, Bernier said there have been discussions about moving it to the Albany Middle School site after the property is converted to an elementary school.

According to Mortimer, construction of the first phase of the project will be done so that no more than 150 units of housing are out of commission at any time. Also, while the first phase of the project — financed in part by increased rents at the village — is ready to roll, the university has "no idea" how it will finance subsequent phases, Bernier said.

"We'd love to do it all, but we can't, we just don't have the money," Bernier said.

Though no village residents spoke, increased rents were the overriding concern at a meeting held at the complex earlier this year. While village residents pay rents about 40-50 percent below market value, future inhabitants will pay only 15 percent below market, a change some said will price them onto the street.

Setback

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Language questioned

The opinion, rendered unanimously by three justices of the First District Court of Appeal, did not, however, represent a complete victory for CRG in that it rejected two key arguments raised by the citizen-based group. Among other things, CRG has alleged that Albany's Measure C, which requires all zoning amendments relating to the city's waterfront district be approved by voters, constituted a "dual-approval process" which would have required review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

"The critical language, 'shall only be taken by passage of a ballot measure,' plainly requires voter approval of land use measures affecting the waterfront area, but it demands nothing more," the opinion states. "Since the operative provisions of the measure do not address the question of dual approval, we do not think it can be reasonably construed as imposing such a requirement."

Also, CRG contended that Measure F, which authorized Ladbroke to build the cardroom, constituted a project under CEQA, and thus required environmental review before being placed on the ballot.

"The submittal of a ballot measure to a vote of the people does not constitute a project under CEQA," the court opined. "The city council's resolution to place the matter on the ballot did not constitute an 'approval' under CEQA because it did not commit the council to a definite course of action."

On the matter of submitting a development agreement to voters without an environmental review, however, the court agreed with CRG's assertion that the action was taken improperly.

"In view of the vested rights that it confers on Ladbroke, it seems clear that the development agree-

ment qualifies as a 'project' subject to the provisions of CEQA," the opinion states. "We conclude that the city council approved a project within the meaning of CEQA when it submitted the development agreement to the voters."

Also, the court agreed with CRG's assertion that the ballot question submitted as Measure F violated the state's Gaming Registration Act. According to the text of the measure, voters not only approved a 150-table cardroom, but did so "in order to provide revenue for the City of Albany, create jobs, provide for an Albany Bay Trail, and allow Albany waterfront access."

"The added language was not necessary to submit the measure to the voters and served no independent municipal purpose," the opinion states. "More seriously, the final phrase overtly endorsed arguments advanced by proponents of the measure... We agree that, by selectively mentioning two favorable impacts without mentioning possible adverse impacts, the ballot language had the effect of stating a partisan position."

"Government action which may tend to influence the outcome of an election operates in an area protected by the guarantee of equal protection and freedom of speech," the opinion continues, going on to cite the Federalist Papers and the writings of Thomas Jefferson. "A fundamental precept of this nation's democratic electoral process is that the government may not 'take sides' in election contests or bestow an unfair advantage on one of several competing factions."

Also, although CRG claimed the city violated the state constitution by naming Ladbroke, a private entity, in the development agreement, the court felt otherwise. Similarly, a position argued in a friend of the court brief by the City of Berkeley that the council "acted beyond the scope of its powers" by submitting

the development agreement for voter approval was not ruled upon on the basis that the issue had not been raised at the trial court level.

Next round in court

The next step in the lawsuit will take place in superior court, and will focus on a pair of key issues. On the matter of the development agreement, the court will consider the effect of a pair of Administrative Implementation Agreements signed by Albany and Ladbroke in 1996 promising full environmental review of the project. Also, the court will consider what effect the ballot language had on election results. That count was originally thrown out on demurrer.

Regardless of the somewhat ambiguous decision, CRG members cited it as both a legal and moral victory. "I really feel with this decision that CRG has been exonerated," said David Arkin, the group's president. "It certainly isn't final, but it's very favorable."

Outis agreed, saying, "All the flap, all the clutter about CRG not being willing to accept the outcome of an election has to go by the boards. As far as I'm concerned, CRG's position has been validated."

Over the course of the at-times furious cardroom debate, supporters of the project have accused CRG members of being sore losers, and of filing a "meritless" lawsuit meant only to delay the project.

CRG members have, however, argued that they did not get a fair shake in the election, both as a result of issues raised in the lawsuit and because of inaccurate budget deficit predictions issued by the City Administrator's office at the time.

When voters originally approved the cardroom, they were told that Albany faced a deficit as high as \$995,000 in fiscal year 1997/98. The city's current budget, however, predicts a surplus of \$63,950 in 1997-98, with an additional surplus of almost \$70,000 in 1998/99.

Final

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addition an approximately 500-space parking (with 400-spaces intended to serve BART during commute hours), would be funded in part through a voter-approved county transportation measure. The entire plan is contingent, however, on the city's ability to acquire the site for the development.

The second to last step in the EIR process, completed last Friday with release of the Redev. Comments, an official supplement to the EIR document responds to citizen comments made orally, at the Planning Commission public hearing, written and submitted to staff during the public period.

The last step in the EIR process was Council's certification.

Not enough time?

Each of the 10 citizens who spoke on the Monday's council meeting said the public was insufficient notice about the Agenda item, they were not given sufficient time to read responses to nearly 200 oral and written comments on the Draft EIR.

Several residents asked for a "real public" before the planning commission, and several requested that if the F-EIR must be passed, they at least not pass the site plan. The requests can people on every side of the Plaza development.

"Don't rush through this," resident Lori La said. "It's too important a part of our town."

Katherine McKissock called the lack of notification "shameful," while Anne DeLuna, saying the process through suggests people's request the draft-EIR were not heard. Resident La said it was a "subversion of public participation."

Resident Steve Price said he was frustrated small amount of time given to look at the comments. He was misquoted in the Redev. Comments as saying, "We are less likely to Redevelopment if big box development came."

Price said, "I actually remember making the opposite argument," that is we are more likely redevelopment if big box comes in; other rarely reuse "big box" buildings because they specially designed for each retailer. There's with the Emporium at the Plaza, the site redeveloped not reoccupied.

Myra Prestige, representing El Cerrito Planning, asked the Agency to postpone certification final-EIR due to inadequate notice.

The El Cerrito Plaza Company is run by Bilak, who owns the facilities of all the businesses on the site, as well as the Lucky property refused to sell his property to the Redevelopment Agency and is therefore entangled in a complex process with the Agency.

"We believe that a continuance would serve the fundamental public policies behind CEQA is to encourage public participation in environmental decisions," said Prestige.

City Attorney Howard Stern, however, said "there is no requirement for a public hearing on final EIR. We get the comments. We respond to them. We prepare the final EIR and submit it to the Council."

Redevelopment Project Manager Bob Lyons said some areas of the plan have not been fleshed out completely as others (specifically, the housing parking garage) and there will be other opportunities for community involvement in the process, and public review of the design. Any significant changes from Option C, would need reapproval. Lyons said.

Councilmember Gina Brusatori said she shared citizens' concern over the scant time given to make a decision. Councilmember Mark Friedman expressed same sentiments, saying he hoped preparation to make this mistake in the future.

Councilmember Norman LaForce said the goal of the EIR is to set up the process, not to stop detail of the project. The public is able to comment on the Planning Commission public hearing, but a decision-maker then needs a response to those comments to make a decision. "We have to expedite as possible with this project," said LaForce.

Both Mayor Norma Jellison and Councilmember Agency Chair Jane Bartke said they wanted to ping-pong match of responses. "It is not making comments, responses to the comments, comments on the responses to the comments," said Jellison. "And this EIR is not an entitlement to the development," she added.

Impacts that cannot be mitigated

For the 39 potentially significant environmental impacts identified in the draft EIR, in the quality, noise, parking, creek ecology, transportation and land use, 60 mitigation measures were proposed. However, six impacts could not be mitigated.

The impacts that cannot be mitigated are service levels on northbound I-80; unacceptable levels at I-80 southbound ramps at Central Avenue and I-80 northbound ramps at Central Avenue; delays at BART exit gates; possibly reduced life on Albany's neighboring residential streets; traffic; regional air emissions of ozone precursors; cumulative noise impacts on local residential life.

Bob Lyons said the first four impacts are under the jurisdiction of other agencies (BART, and the City of Albany) and therefore possible for us by ourselves to mitigate them. 80 impact, he said, most likely cannot be mitigated.

City staff therefore requested the City Council a Statement of Overriding Considerations, which conclude that although these impacts cannot be mitigated, the overall benefit of the project outweighs the negative results of these unavoidable impacts. While all of the Council/Agency members unanimously to certify the final EIR, and the City of Overriding Considerations, Brusatori abstained from voting for the site plan.

Coach

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noons going over the basics with girls who might someday follow in her footsteps.

"It's really exciting to maybe have an impact on what they're going to do," Kagawa said. Spreading the clinic evenly between skill-building drills and actual play, Kagawa and Amanda Poe, another former Albany High player, led the girls from passing and serving drills to a game of "diving link tag," peppering the afternoon with bits of volleyball wisdom ranging from keeping one's knees bent to the server's first rule, "if you don't like your toss, let it drop."

Clinic participants seemed impressed.

"The drills, the way she does them, it doesn't seem like work," said Laura Yamagata, who added that she herself might someday play competitively. "She's really a good coach. She makes you feel more at ease and stuff."

"She taught us new ways to do different things," said Lauren Wilson, who had already played some volleyball in school.

Marjorie Gomez, 10, who would rather pursue a career in the as-yet uninvited sport of "professional handball," said she had the opportunity to hone both her overhand serve and her spike, and pointed to Kagawa's easy-going manner.

"She's a good teacher. She just says, 'Do this a little more like this,'" Gomez said.

Though teaching volleyball, at present, isn't exactly the future Kagawa envisions for herself, she seemed happy to share what she has learned for a few days before she heads off across the Bay. Clinic participant Autumn Miley-Boland, who says she too might someday play volleyball, sent Kagawa off with a sentiment which, without a doubt, many around town might echo: "I hope Lindsay does well at Stanford," she said.

Realty giants join forces

Mason-McDuffie Real Estate has joined to join the Prudential Real Estate Network, according to a joint announcement made Tuesday. Mason-McDuffie will continue to be independently owned and operated. The management team led by Mason-McDuffie president David Krafchow and chief operating officer Krafchow. "We've been thriving as a real estate company in Northern California and the Bay Area since 1887," said Cobo. "This relationship brings together the local and regional dominance of Mason-McDuffie with the national recognition of Prudential Real Estate, and it will serve to only strengthen our position in the marketplace." In 1992 under the leadership of Krafchow and Krafchow, Mason-McDuffie embarked on a five-year plan that eventually saw the company grow from its 23 offices and agents to today's 62 offices and agents. With the addition of Mason-McDuffie, Prudential Real Estate's presence in California grows to over 100 offices and nearly 6,600 agents in a sales volume of approximately \$10 billion. Initially both company names

will be used but over time the company will take the Prudential Real Estate name. "This is really a momentous occasion," said Prudential Real Estate's president and CEO Steve Ozonian. "Two respected and successful companies, more than a century old, are coming together. Combined with our existing presence in Northern California, this relationship will create an even more potent force in the Bay Area and throughout the state."

According to Cobo, the relationship will give Mason-McDuffie national exposure through media, referrals, marketing materials, technology and brand identification, opening new doors and enhancing the company's reputation for service and convenience.

Combined with services that Mason-McDuffie has created regionally, both agents and consumers can expect a simpler, more stress-free transaction.

"For years we've been talking about the consolidation of the real estate industry," Cobo said. "It became clear to us that national recognition is an important element to our continued growth and strength. Joining with Prudential Real Estate gives us that recognition and allows us to remain in the business as an independent company."

"I am especially looking forward to the benefits of working with the Prudential Enterprise programs that will ultimately give consumers access to an array of financial services — like homeowner's insurance — that are a part of the home buying experience."

Under these programs Prudential's insurance, health care, real estate, banking and investment operations share a common corporate identity and a strong national and regional recognition.

According to Ozonian, both Prudential Real Estate and Mason-McDuffie share the goal of providing buyers and sellers with fully integrated services surrounding the home buying experience through value-added strategic relationships to provide simplified, more efficient transactions.

For example, he says, consumers will now be able to secure discounted moving rates, mortgage services, home warranty programs and access to a wide range of financial services from Mason-McDuffie associates.



Red Oak Realty's "Dream Team" from left to right Billie Karp, Marjorie Sperber and Laurie Capitelli proudly present University Terrace. Join them for an open house Sun., Aug. 17 from noon to 4 p.m.

Going, going ...

Red Oak Realty's "Dream Team," Laurie Capitelli, Marjorie Sperber, and Billy Karp announced that only 14 units of the affordable condominium/townhouse units are available at University Terrace

and they are selling fast.

"We are pleased to announce that our sales are approaching 70 percent," said Karp. These beautiful units are designated exclusively for University faculty and staff, located in central Berkeley."

An open house at University Terrace, 2137 California Street in Berkeley, is scheduled for Sunday, August 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors will be able to view selected

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SMART MONEY

LEILA GOUGH

If you have listened to the financial news recently, you have probably heard that a number of companies have announced "stock splits." Two noteworthy examples are IBM and INTEL. While not all stock splits are created equal, they can represent something good for your portfolio.

A split (also known as a split up) is a technique a company can use to reduce its stock price, making it

Doing the investment split

more attractive to a larger group of investors. Splits normally occur when a company experiences increasing earnings over a period of years and its stock price climbs to new highs.

Suppose a company with one million shares of common stock trading at \$50 per share announces a two-for-one stock split. For each share held, the shareholder would now hold two shares. Stocks can split in almost any ratio, three-for-two, five-for-four, for example.

By splitting its stock, the company makes a greater number of shares available without diminishing the value of the stock held by current shareholders. Since there is no corresponding increase in the

company's assets, the stock's price automatically adjusts lower, in the same proportion as the increase in shares.

With the two-for-one split in our example, the stock's price would adjust to \$25 per share. Although the price drops, shareholders will still hold the same total value, since they will have twice as many shares. The split ratio will also hold true for any cash dividends paid on the shares.

While companies can create a "split up," they can also create a "split down" — better known as a reverse split. Also designed to attract investors, a reverse split usually occurs when a company wishes to boost the stock price and have fewer shares outstanding.

For example let's say a company with one million shares valued at \$5 per share announced a one-for-five reverse split. This would leave the company with only 200,000 shares but the value of these shares would now be \$25 per share.

Because a stock's price often rises after a stock split, many investors track the performance of various corporations to see which are likely to make such a move. If you

are tempted to "shop" however, you should know many financial experts advise against buying a stock based on the possibility of a price increase immediately after the split is often misleading. The stock goes down in price, and the "split" can backfire.

It is usually best to base decisions on the company's earnings and prospects. If the stock price and the cash dividend remain the same or increases, you will benefit from the split since you will have more shares in which the stock is being paid.

More importantly, you should consider a stock because it meets your objectives rather than because it has the outside chance of a term profit.

You may want to consult an investment professional to get details about what a stock split would mean for your portfolio.

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units and have mortgage questions answered.

A free first-time homebuyer seminar will be held at 2 p.m. To reserve a seat for this informative seminar, call The Mortgage Network at 526-6554 and ask for Russell Doi.

"We've been very happy with the sales this past year. We have a lot of happy new homeowners at University Terrace," said Capitelli.

The site, a one-square-block four-acre property, is bordered by California Street, Addison Street, Allston Way, and Jefferson Avenue, one block south of University Avenue, about seven blocks west of the UC campus. The prop-

erty includes the building and grounds of the former Presentation High School.

University Terrace is a few minutes walking or bicycling distance of campus, two BART stations, AC Transit bus lines, Andronico's, Berkeley Repertory Theater, downtown movies and other shopping and entertainment.

It is surrounded by residential neighborhoods of single family homes and small apartment buildings and is next to St. Joseph's Church and a parochial elementary school.

In previous years, University Terrace sales had been sluggish. Capitelli and his team were chosen by the Regents of the University of California after competing

with several other real estate agencies for the listing.

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Normandy Revival gem on the market

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eldom does a home with as much well-documented history and architectural pedigree come on the market as the mansion at 42 Glen Alpine Road in Piedmont. This residence is a superb example of a Norman Revival style manor house, designed in 1926 by famed Bay Area architect William R. Yelland.

Yelland is noted for his landmark historic buildings as the old Sinclair fire house on Mountain Boulevard in Oakland, the Tupper and Music Store on Shattuck Avenue in downtown Berkeley, and the Normandy Village apartment complex on Spruce Street in Berkeley.

The story of how the current owners of 42 Glen Alpine came to own the full history of their home is an unusual one. Ruth and Denny McLeod are the third owners of this 10,000 square foot mansion.

They bought the home in 1962, were told by the second owners it had been designed by William Yelland, who was still living in Berkeley at the time.

We went over to visit Mr. Yelland at his home in Berkeley," Ruth McLeod recalls, "and he was kind enough to give us a full set of original blueprints for our house—which we cherish to this day."

Denny McLeod remembers how Yelland described his unique role in designing their house both as an architect "and a master of trades, in the medieval manner."

An elegant Palladian window with latticed panes frames a view of the Bay Bridge.

This was a result of Yelland's background as an artist and craftsman who learned his skills as a

student at the prestigious Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris in the 1910s. While he was an art student there, Yelland studied the features and construction of medieval and Renaissance buildings in France.

Yelland later put this knowledge to good use in his career as an architect in the Bay Area in the 1920s and '30s.

For example, on the house he designed originally for municipal Judge Erskine at 42 Glen Alpine, "he laid every piece of exposed brick inside the house himself," Denny McLeod says proudly. Few Bay Area architects, besides Bernard Maybeck, took such a personal

role in their work as Yelland.

The exterior of 42 Glen Alpine displays all the classic features of a medieval Norman manor house. There are two high-peaked gables above the main entrance, and the upper, three-story gable is crowned with a dove-cote and topped by a fleur-de-lis-shaped finial.

To the right of the entrance is a towerlike two-story wing, with a pointed spire that ends in another fleur-de-lis finial. There is half-timbering around the windows on the left side of the house.

Delicate quoining, (or pattern of stone blocks) lines the corners of the tower wing. Around the entrance itself, there is a single-story portico with pilasters and a balustrade above, an early Renaissance feature often added to late medieval chateau and manor houses in France.

Finally, in keeping with the overall authenticity of materials and craftsmanship of Yelland's original design, the McLeods laid 6,000 red bricks in the driveway just before their daughter Karen's wedding reception in 1976.

The interior of the Judge Erskine House, which was completed in 1929, retains nearly all of its original historic features, as well as having some additions added by the McLeods.

There are six bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths in the house, and several large formal rooms and smaller plus rooms. One of the special design features of the house is that there is not one rectangular or square room in the entire house.

The first floor has a spacious formal entry hall opening onto a grand staircase, which has hand-laid brick steps and wrought iron railings. The original 1920s hanging



Drawing by Peter Dallison

A winding red-brick driveway welcomes visitors to this historic Normandy Revival Piedmont mansion designed and built in 1929 by noted Bay Area architect William R. Yelland.

light fixtures are still in place in the entry hall and the stairwell.

To the left, the formal dining room is octagonal. To the right, the large living room has a handsome brick-faced fireplace, and lovely views through its long latticed windows of the side yard and the gazebo, which was built in 1976. The original brass wall sconces still adorn the living room.

Behind the stairway, there is a library, which has coffered wood paneling and a fireplace with brick facing and a Gothic arched opening. Behind the library is a loggia, or covered arched area, opening onto the back yard.

The ground floor also has a children's playroom, a butler's pantry,

a powder room, a laundry room, and the kitchen and breakfast room. In 1962 the breakfast room was expanded into a family room; the kitchen was remodeled in 1989.

The second floor has a master bedroom suite with his and her dressing rooms and a bath with a Jacuzzi; the gentleman's dressing room oak-paneled drawers and closets; the master bedroom views through latticed windows.

There are four other bedrooms and two more full baths on the second floor, and one of the extra bedrooms was expanded by the McLeods into a double bedroom.

The third floor of the house has an unusual, rustic-looking bedroom, with knotty pine paneling and

beamed ceilings. There is an elegant Palladian window with latticed panes in the bedroom, which frames a view of the Bay Bridge.

This room also has a small deck off the rear, and a large full bath adjoining it. Ruth McLeod recalls that her sons "loved to sleep up here when they were growing up."

In the basement at 42 Glen Alpine is a full wine cellar, as all great manor houses used to have. The lushly landscaped 18,000-square-foot lot is graced by white oak trees and Japanese maples, and has beautiful, meticulously maintained gardens. There is also a two-car, garage at the front of the house.

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A No-Nonsense Approach to Establishing, Repairing and Maintaining your Credit Profile. By Shaun Aghili, CFP, 51 pages. Published by Shaun Aghili, CFP & Associates. Available from CFP & Associates, 712 Bancroft Road #140, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, \$21.95.

With nearly every media outlet bombarding consumers with advertisements trying to get one to violate the most basic financial guideline (live within your means) it's no wonder that the book being reviewed here will be of interest to so many people.

Shaun Aghili's book, "A No-Nonsense Approach to Establishing, Repairing and Maintaining your Credit Profile," is divided into five parts:

- Covering the Basics,
- Reestablishing Credit,
- Credit Repair,
- Maintaining a Clean Credit Profile and
- Covering Bits and Pieces.

One could justifiably add, "barebones" to the title of Shaun's book, since there are no fancy diagrams or photos. That observation isn't meant as a criticism; it's an observation. But this fact actually assists in the readability of the book.

While some cartoons depicting various credit snafus interspersed

Clean up bad credit

throughout the book might have been fun, readers of a book on this subject normally want the cold hard facts.

With that in mind, Shaun's book doesn't disappoint. The type is large and very easy to read. The information is laid out in an orderly manner.

Shaun informs the reader about some of the easy ways that one can be ripped off by unethical companies promising to fix your credit for a fee. In Shaun's case, he paid over \$1000 with very little positive effect on his credit report.

The step by step approach to cleaning up one's credit record detailed in part three is sound advice indeed. The best part is you can perform this procedure yourself without paying anyone or take the chance that a fraudulent company will take your money without doing anything to clean up your credit as Shaun experienced first hand.

Cleaning up a credit report is only the first of a two-part effort. The second is covered in, "Maintaining a Clean Credit Profile." It covers this important area fully and contains some "old fashioned" and ethical guidelines that would make this a much stronger country if people would only follow them.

Here's an excerpt from part four replete with suggestions and a scolding that should be heeded by those sincerely wishing to maintain their good credit once they have gone to through the process of cleaning it up.

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Some of you are probably thinking: This guy is either insane or he makes too much money. How am I supposed to live on 90 percent of my take-home pay and adhere to these absurd guidelines? What planet is he from?

To these people I present one simple question: Is your current situation working out for you? The reason most people get into financial trouble is simply because they constantly overextend themselves.

Each month the credit card balances get bigger. Each month the savings account balance gets smaller. Soon, things start to get out of hand."

Shaun doesn't pull any punches or offer much sympathy. Rather he offers what a person in financial trouble needs to hear.

At the close of part four he suggests five ways to limit one's credit card spending and makes some serious suggestions regarding what to do if one is "neck deep in debt."

He suggests that a person so strapped simply sew for others, fix computers, sell on the phone, do bookkeeping, paint houses, type etc...get to work.

This method of action, one of

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Architect William R. Yelland also designed the Hansel-and-Gretel-like Montclair Fire House, Oakland, pictured here, as well as Normandy Village on Spruce Street in Berkeley.

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ful thirty-five years in this home," Ruth McLeod says, "we feel it's time to move on now. Our children are all grown, and we'd like to see another family enjoy the house."

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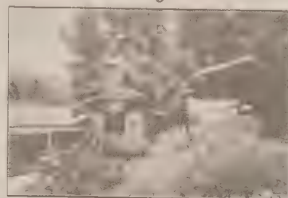
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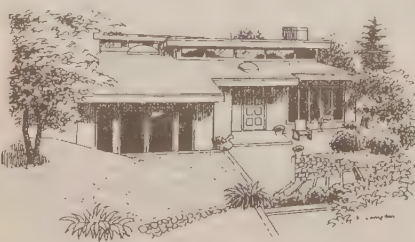
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Last week I told about calling a number of our buyers to ask what their next home projects were going to be. Everyone had a ready answer. It was so much fun talking to everyone that I may do this again soon.

Jenny is actively involved in the latest project she and Barbara have done. Jenny is building a house and it is looking good. Barbara's vegetable garden is doing fabulously well. Next is "base-candy" stuff — hurricane clips, roof wall and bolting."

"We were talking about this other day," Jenny says, "and Barbara pointed out that she's the one who can't get around to starting a project. I'm the one who can't finish, and maybe the solution is to hire someone else to do the work."

"We have a whole list of projects," Nina says. It's Friday night and I'm imagining that she and Steven are going out tonight. No, Nina is going to finish painting the inside of her bed-

room closet as soon as she finishes talking to me.

She'd invite us over to see what else they've done to the house but everything from the closet is now in the living room and we'll have to wait until it's all put away.

"We painted colors," she says proudly, then describes to me the hallway wall color, which is "not mint, not sage but somewhere in between." The trim is white. The big bedroom is pale apricot, also with white trim. She's obviously pleased. "The colors are beautiful," Nina says.

Most new homeowners are people who never understood that prowling hardware stores is a fine way to spend their day off.

Their next project is getting rid of the lava rock in the front and back yards. I ask how they are going to do this, then remember that Omega Salvage told Nina and Steven some months ago that they would take the red rock off their hands.

Nina tells me now that Omega

may loan them buckets in which to transport the rock. Still, Nina is not looking forward to this project and is wondering if she can recruit a few high school boys to help.

Meanwhile she's been shopping for drapes, a lengthy and frustrating affair. They went to six or seven different stores in Berkeley and in San Francisco looking for drapes.

All seemed very expensive; often they had to be ordered (up to a 12-week wait) and the drapery hardware trend seems to be spear-like. "I don't understand this spear

thing," says Nina. "We finally got the kind with metal balls on the ends."

Sadhu, who moved in only a few months ago, is working hard on her house. She has six weeks off from her job and she is determined to get the house "done," even though we both know houses



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are never "done."

She just painted the kitchen walls "butter," the ceiling white and she plans to have the cabinet doors "mooroon-y" as soon as she gets enough layers of paint off the doors so they will close properly.

She's stripped the paint off the old chrome hinges and handles ("They're great!") and is thinking of adding stenciling over the arched breakfast room doorway.

I'm enjoying myself so much hearing about all of this that I urge Sadhu on. She says she spray painted the pierced-metal venting on the under-counter sink doors under the counter matte black. This looks fantastic, she says.

Then she looked around at her things and finding a small wooden table with shelves, she decided it would be just right for the space in the middle of the kitchen floor. All it needed was a top.

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Rates fall again; COFI also lower

On July 31 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 7 basis points from last week's average of 7.43 percent to 7.36 percent. The average has not been this low since the week ending February 23, 1996, when it stood at 7.32 percent. At the end of July 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 8.23 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 5 basis points to 5.49 percent from last week's average of 5.54 percent. This figure has not been this low since December 20, 1996, when it averaged 5.53 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.98 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, fell 8 basis points from last week's average of 6.98 percent to 6.90 percent. This average has not been this low since the week ending March 8, 1996 when it averaged 6.96 per-

'The budget agreement news may well carry over into next week, bringing us interest rates that are even more affordable than they are now.'

— ROBERT VAN ORDER

cent. This time last year this rate was 7.75 percent.

"Interest rates dropped this week partly in response to (Federal Reserve Board Chairman) Alan Greenspan's optimistic remarks of last week but also as a result of news of the upcoming federal budget agreement," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

"The budget agreement news See RATES on page 29

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Running into ratios

If you talk to a lender about what mortgage you can afford, you're bound to run into the term "ratios." It's simply a relationship between two variables expressed as a percentage. For example, let's say that one of two voters favors a tax cut. In this case, the ratio of voters who favor cutting taxes is 50 percent. If you divide by two is one-half or 50 percent.

The front end

Lenders take two ratios into account in qualifying borrowers for mortgages. One is the ratio of the monthly housing expense to the borrower's gross monthly income. This is called the front-end ratio. The monthly housing expense is made up of principal, interest, property taxes and insurance—otherwise

known as the PITI. Homeowner's association dues and a mortgage insurance premium are added to the PITI in qualifying borrowers, if applicable.

Let's say your gross annual income is \$60,000, which gives you a gross monthly income of \$5,000 (\$60,000 divided by 12 months). If the lender says that your front-end ratio can't exceed 32 percent, this means that your PITI divided by your gross monthly income must equal 32 percent or less.

To calculate the front-end ratio, multiply your gross monthly income (\$5,000 in this example) by .32. The result, \$1,600, will have to cover your monthly housing expense.

The back end

The other ratio is called the back-end ratio. This is the ratio between the borrower's total debt (PITI plus other monthly debt payments) to the gross monthly income. If the lender says that your back-end ratio can't exceed 38 percent, this means that your total monthly debt, including the PITI, must be no more than 38 percent of your gross monthly income.

Multiply the gross monthly in-

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come (\$5,000) by 38 percent. The result (\$1,900) is your back-end ratio. This means that you can have up to \$300 in monthly debt in addition to the PITI and the lender will still qualify you for a loan with a PITI of \$1,600.

If your monthly debts (for car payments, student loans, credit card balances that aren't paid off monthly) exceed \$300, your back-end ratio will exceed the 38-percent-lender guideline. In this case, the lender will probably still give you a loan, but a smaller loan than if you had less debt.

Lenders look at many variables when they qualify borrowers for mortgages. In addition to debt-to-income ratios, they look at the cash available for the down payment and closing costs. They also examine the borrower's credit and employ-

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Tarpoff...

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More searching produced a piece of marble she picked up somewhere — granite looking, black and mocha-colored veining. As luck would have it, the marble was slightly larger than the table, so she painted the table black and perched the marble on top.

I can't wait to see the effect of all of this. Sadhu does have a "perfectly tuned" eye.

Next she plans to attack her retrofit work. She thinks if she just gets a little instruction, she can do the foundation bolting and possibly the corner shear walls herself, especially now that she has a dandy new tool.

"Every homeowner should have a cordless drill," she says.

"A hundred dollars at Costco. Why didn't I get one years ago for all the things I wanted to do but didn't?"

Jonathan and Mary Ann have been in their house for several years. They've already completed major projects including a new foundation and the complete rebuilding of their chimney and fireplace.

Originally they had planned to expand their kitchen and add a big deck overlooking their garden but when they priced it out, they scaled back.

Now they want to take down the wall between their kitchen and the breakfast room, put in a skylight and add double French doors that open to a small balcony — just large enough for a little table and chairs.

They won't be doing this im-

mediately though because a roof must come first. This fall Jonathan will put on the roof and frame in the skylight. Maybe next year they'll carry out their kitchen plan.

The trouble with houses is that they are made up of thousands of parts: parts that break, wear out, need attention. But the good news is that houses can be made well and changed dramatically, often with only a little money, imagination and time.

All the people I talked to are living in their first houses. Some of them have experience doing repairs and construction; many are "making it up" as they go along.

One is a contractor, one is an artist; most are people who never understood before they owned their own homes that prowling hardware stores is a fine way to spend their day off.

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- 3 SENIOR AVENUE, BERKELEY - 3BD/3+BA.....\$550,000
3 bdrm suites, view, new family room/office, library, garden. Rich Gould
- 4005 WOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$549,000
Piedmont side, tastefully remodeled, kit/family rm, office, yard. Ten Carlisle
- 35 BAY FOREST COURT, OAKLAND HILLS - 3+BD/3+BA.....\$459,000
New construction, great views, open floor plan, large fam rm. Dick Cohen
- 2843 BURTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$439,000
New listing! All level, bay views, hwd floors, fam rm, gar. Sandi Klemmer
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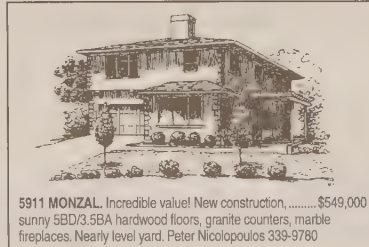
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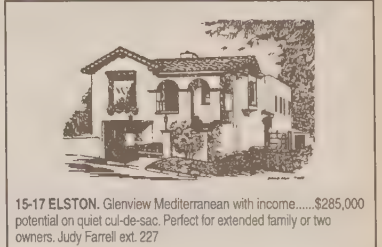
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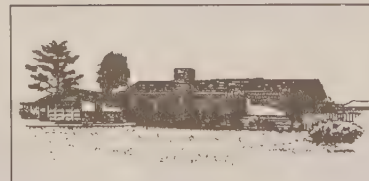
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The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 14 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. House inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Jim Mertone of Ideal Roofing and Roger Robinson of the Star Inspection Group will discuss high tech roofing systems: their proper installation and some common defects. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O' Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

The Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a series of workshops called **Meet Successful Small Business Owners**. Successful small business owners, bankers and cor-

porate executives have joined with the SBA to strengthen small business in Oakland. The next workshops **Pricing Your Products and Services** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tues. Aug. 12 and the **SCORE Pre-Business Workshop** from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. Call 273-6020 for information on this or any of the upcoming workshops.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **Seven Powerful Strategies to Save Thousands When Buying a House**, 12:10 p.m., Fri., Aug. 15 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

Product displays, a tool sale, a raffle prizes and hot dogs will highlight Truitt and White Lumber's **August Product and Fair and Tool Sale**, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wed., Aug 20

Call 845-0511 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 28 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Investor loans are discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a list of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the

203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **East Bay Leads Club** meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads-generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 845-6688 for more information.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Belle-

vue Ave., Oakland. Learn orchids and their care. Purchase plants at the member sale before the meeting. Orchid enthusiasts share their knowledge, provide plants for a raffle. camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wed. of each month at Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A sale is featured before the meeting, affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums. These meetings feature expert speakers from around world with slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and care these beautiful plants. Call 1210 for more information.



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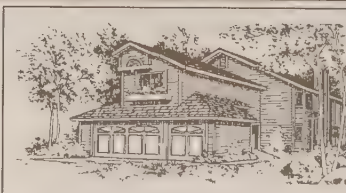
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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. Wine, Liquor & Deli. 1 bdrm apt. included.

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MARINA SEAGATE. Call for info on townhome listings.

OAKLAND
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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. In Downtown office building.

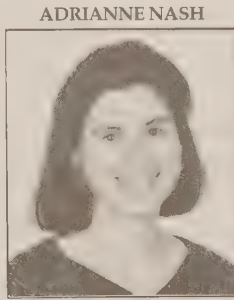
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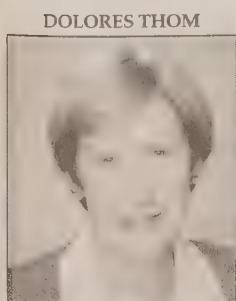
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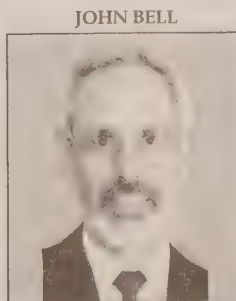
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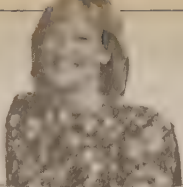
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KAREN SENZIG

When I asked my client, "have you considered a 'COFI' loan?" she looked at me oddly as if I'd asked if she wanted a French-Roast or an Italian-Espresso loan.

It occurred to me that the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) wasn't so well known to the average consumer as to the mortgage industry. I found another mystery to demystify!

Probably the most popular loan for most California savings and loans, the weighted average for the 11th District Cost of Funds Index is computed from data reported by savings institutions that are shareholders of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. In January 1997, 69 institutions reported COFI data. These lenders are from California, Arizona and Nevada, which comprise the Federal Home Loan Bank's 11th District.

The 12-month weighted average cost of funds is derived from interest paid on savings accounts, Federal Home Loan Bank advances, and other borrowed money, adjusted for the variation in the number of days in each month.

The COFI for August is 4.853 down .011 from July. This is kind of an important indication. The COFI index moves very slowly, unlike many indices that are very market sensitive. Rarely has the COFI moved more than 2 percent in any one year. Usually it is much

less.

The COFI offers the very lowest "start" rates in the industry. But, they also offer that very scary concept of negative amortization. "Neg am" need not be the demon that it seems, however. It can be a very useful tool in cash management, especially for the self-employed and those disciplined enough to manage their money.

While there are several loan instruments utilizing the COFI, the most popular is the COFI "Option" loan. There's a lot more to it than just payment options.

First, there's the low-rate and long-loan term. It's one of the lowest home-loan rates available on a loan of up to 40 years. That equates into lower payments, which, in turn, can mean more home for your money. Second, there are the payment options, four of them. Your lender will send you a monthly statement listing your payment options.

Minimum payment

You may have heard the term "teaser rate." In most cases, the lender will offer a three month, fully amortized rate at somewhere between 2.95 percent and 3.95 percent. During the first three months this payment rate will pay both the interest and principle on the loan.

At month four, the options kick in. If you select the minimum payment, you will be paying the "pay-

ment rate" which is normally fixed for one year (including those first three months). The minimum payment amount is adjusted annually and will not go up or down more than 7.5 percent of the payment regardless of what happens to interest rates.

The kicker: it's like taking a little loan every month from the bank, without any additional paperwork or hassle, and adding that loan to your home loan principle. The lender will allow you to do that every month for about five years or until you reach 110 percent of the original loan amount, whichever comes first.

Full interest

If this option is selected, the payment will include all of the interest due for the month. There's a key difference between the two options. With the minimum-payment option, the monthly payment may not be enough to cover all the interest due for that month. As a result, the excess interest shows up on the following month's statement as "deferred interest" or negative amortization.

You always have a choice, though: pay the interest owed in full, or—on those occasions when the old budget's stretched a little thin—make the minimum payment and deferring payment of the difference. And, of course, you can always pay any interest you have deferred in the past and receive your full tax benefit.

Fully amortized

By selecting this option, you will be paying the full amount of interest owed plus a portion of the loan's principle balance. You will pay down the loan on a schedule just as you would with a fixed-rate loan. If you pay more than this amount, the extra payment will be applied towards the principle which will, in effect, shorten

the term of the loan.

Fifteen-year amortization

If you select this option, you'll pay the full amount of the interest due plus enough additional principle to assure that the loan will be repaid in full in 15 years.

As with all adjustable rate loans, the only fixed portion of the mortgage is the margin, which is added to the index to determine the monthly note rate. Think of the margin as the bank's profit. The margin on a COFI loan can range anywhere from 2.20 percent to 3.95 percent.

With today's COFI index at about 4.853, if you add a 2.60 margin you would have a July '97 note rate of 7.453 percent. This works for both conforming loans (amounts up to \$214,600) as well as jumbo (bigger than conforming) loans. Always look for the "lifecap." This protects you no matter how high the index moves. Most COFI loans have a lifecap under 12 percent.

The Option ARM is only the most popular COFI Loan. There are also COFI loans fixed for 6 months at a time and do not have the option for negative amortization. The first 6 month start rates range between 5.75 percent and 6.25 percent and have a 1 percent semiannual adjustment cap up or down. The life cap in this case is usually 6 percent over the start rate.

There is much to consider when selecting a loan instrument (that's what we call the very many loan programs or products that are available to you). The most important thing for you to consider is: "Can I live with this loan as long as live in this house?"

Today's Indices

• 11th District Cost of Funds (COFI), 4.853 percent (down .011);

As with all adjustable rate loans, the only fixed portion of the mortgage is the margin, which is added to the index to determine the monthly note rate.

- one year T-Bill, 5.65 (down 8.5 percent.
- six-month CD, 5.44;
- London InterBranch Offered Rate (LIBOR), 5.843 (down .032);
- LAMA (annualized LIBOR), 5.534 (up .017);
- Wall Street Journal Prime,

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ment history. The debt-to-income ratios usually limit the size mortgage a lender will give you.

If a lender says your ratios are 33/39, this means that your front-end ratio is 33 percent and your back-end ratio is 39 percent. While most lenders take both ratios into consideration, some lenders make exceptions. FHA qualifies borrowers based on the back-end ratio alone.

First-time tip

What can you do if your ratios are high and you can't qualify for a large enough mortgage to buy a suitable home?

One option is to go to a portfolio lender—one that doesn't sell loans to investors. These lenders have flexibility in approving borrowers; they can make exceptions, if they want to, for borrowers whose ratios deviate from the guidelines.

For example, let's say your home search reveals that you'll have to spend at least \$1,900 per month

(PITI) to buy a home that meets your needs. Using the above example, a \$60,000 annual income means a front-end ratio of 33 percent. Some portfolio lenders will accept ratios as high as 38 percent on a first-time ratio, and some will go even higher.

Also lenders are often willing to approve a loan with a higher front-end ratio if the borrower has other outstanding debts, or make a large cash down payment.

At the closing

Borrowers with high debt-to-income ratios may be able to get a loan approved if they pledge assets as collateral, or if they agree to have their lender's monthly mortgage payments automatically deducted.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 5604 DENTON PL, Hillcrest Estates, 5/3+, 1+ac, views! aupair \$1,095,000
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460
- 6066 MAZUELA, Elegant trad'l, new 6/4's, gourmet kit, bay/cyn vws \$925,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
- 24 NORTH HILL CT, Hiller, 5bd/4b w/pano vw, aupair, office, 3-car \$799,999
garage, level lot. Quality everything! 408-688-1288 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 5341 GOLDEN GATE AV, Upr Rckrdge, 4/3's, spacious, beautiful, \$769,000
nwr hm w/views. Lg lot. Coldwell Banker 254-4385, Linda Van Drent 913-7098
- 119 BEECHWOOD, Upr Rockridge 4/3's custom colonial, deck/ld \$699,000
Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460
- 5116 COCHRANE AV, Custom 4+4/4, library, game rm, patio, gdns \$679,000
The GRUBB Company, Debby DiMaggio 339-0400
- 86 SHERIDAN, 4+3/4 lovely new craftsman, fab courtlyd, quality \$675,000
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460
- 6431 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rckrdge, nwly bilt 4/3, 2-car garage, level in \$645,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-9978
- 6001 BUENA VISTA AVE, Upr Rockridge, 4/2's, 1st openl view \$635,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8900
- 6039 GLENARMS DR, Montclair, stunning custom 5+3/4, 4900+sf, \$599,000
2 frpl, level yd, ext.famly rm w/complete in-law. Martino RE 523-9300 SUN 2-4
- 6041 GIRVIN, P.Pines, New listing! Bay & SF vws, mstr w/sitting rm \$598,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148
- 5560 COUNTRY CLUB, Claremont Pines, 3/2+, 1-level, remod kit/ba \$589,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 6241 WOOD DRIVE, New listing! 4bd/2ba, 1/4 acre, yard \$565,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Jeffrey Himmel 644-5464
- 5911 MONZAL, Incredible value! 5/3's, hdwds, marble frpls, level yd \$549,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- 6006 WOOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, remodeled, office, yard \$549,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6510 BALMORAL, Just listed! Live in your own park! 1 acre, zoned \$549,000
for horses. 3/2's, FDR, family room. Ed Bell Realty 339-9398
- 2100 DRAKE, Montclair, lg 3bd/2ba, custom, stylish, double lot \$499,500
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 6848 ARMOUR, Montclair, 4bd/3+1/2ba, bay vw, upscale amenities \$475,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 6865 BRISTOL, Oakland Hills, 3bd/2+1/2ba, 2800sf, bright, spacious \$469,000
Mason-McDuffie, Michelle Vasey 428-0900
- 35 BAY FOREST CT, Oakland Hills 3+3/4, nw cnstr, fam rm, views! \$459,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 7032 SAYRE DR, Montclair, 2 bldgs for the price of 1. Remodeled \$459,000
4/2 hm + separate 7 rm office/in-law. Immaculate! A&M 339-3400 SUNDAY 1-5
- 28 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge, updt'd California ranch, 3/2 \$449,950
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 7001 EXETER DR, Montclair, huge 4bd/3+1/2ba stunning view home \$449,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- 235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair, FDR, spacious LR, patio & garden \$449,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 58 LANE CT, Montclair, 3+2 grand Med w/pano bay vws! cul-de-sac \$449,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 2843 BURTON DR, Montclair 4/3, new listing! bay vws, hdwd frs \$439,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 6575 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/2+1/2ba, loaded w/amenities \$429,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2+1/2ba \$300,000's
by Kaufman & Broad. Spectacular views of SF Bay, recreational trails, easy commute. 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 and up

- 6705 OAKWOOD, Reduced! sunny 4bd, complete remodel, decks! \$399,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 4315 VIEWCREST CT, Ridgemont, 4/3 w/wrap-around yd, cul-de-sac \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 1968 GOULDIN, Montclair 3bd/2ba, total privacy, mstr w/sitting rm \$399,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 6915 PINEHAVEN, Montclair, 5bd/2+1/2ba, office/in-law w/sep entry \$389,500
Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
- 2000 ARROWHEAD, Montclair, 5bd/3+1/2ba, over 3000sf, many xtras \$389,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 4016 OAKMORE RD, 3bd/1+1/2ba pristine tudor kit/fam rm, bsmt \$389,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 5021 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT, 3/2's w/pano vw, like new, FDR, garden \$379,000
Better Homes, Mike Sullivan 339-8400
- 2159 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair, remod 4/3, rumpus, creekside \$379,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- 5115 FAIRHILL CT, Ridgemont, 3+bd/2+1/2ba, 2 frpl, patio/garden \$369,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 4174 EMERALD, Temescal, 6/4's, Large craftsman +3 cottages \$369,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217
- 6828 ESTATES DR, 3+bd/2b, bay & hill vws, patios, deck, level-in \$369,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 1805 NORTHWOOD CT, Montclair, 3bd/2+1/2ba, cul-de-sac, SF/GG vw \$349,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- 6255 VIEWCREST, Ridgemont, 3bd/2+1/2ba, stunning views! \$349,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 4106 OAKMORE RD, Superb 4bd/2ba, hdwds, +rm, wkshop, lyl yd \$345,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197
- 2269 MASTLANDS, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, hm + office + income, mintl \$339,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 1915 HOOVER, Oakmore, 3+bd/3+1/2ba Tudor, non-conforming in-law \$339,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8843
- 3750 LAKESHORE AV, Gracious trad'l Med w/classic fir plan, 3+bd \$339,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 15 MASONIC DR, Upper Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, cul-de-sac living \$338,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 1693 WOODHAVEN WY, Montclair, new listing! 3/2 cottage, garden \$335,000
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460
- 5732 COLTON, Montclair, open/alry 3/2's contemp w/mstr, Indscpd \$329,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100
- 8135 SKYLINE, Montclair, 4bd/2+1/2ba, new listing! don't miss! \$327,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710
- 260 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Fab 3bd/2ba brick ranch, 2 frpl, hdwds \$319,000
Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499
- 1832 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair, 2+2 starter nr village, priced to sell \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400
- 525-527 MONTCLAIR AVE, Haddon Hill, 6/4, legal duplex, potential \$318,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Erik Johnson 869-4246
- 363 ELYSIAN FIELDS, Rare find! 4/2 ranch w/mstr suite, family rm \$315,000
Richardson RE, Georgia Richardson 569-3499
- 1701 ARROWHEAD, New on market! 3bd/2ba, great condition \$310,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 2663 LAS AROMAS, P. Pines, 2+bd/1+1/2ba, casual elegance, lg yd \$309,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 616 BOULEVARD WAY, Upr Lakeshore, 3bd/2ba, custom home \$305,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 549 ROSAL, Lakeshore, just listed! 2+bd/2ba bungalow \$300,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- 6064 COLTON, Serene & stylish, 3bd/2ba, hdwds, mstr suite \$299,500
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

- 1027 CLARENDON CRES, Crocker, 3/1+, ultimate kitchen, nw bath \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 5671 HARRISON ST, Montclair, lovely 3/2, nw cpt, EZ to freeway \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 287-5910
- 6636 HEARTWOOD, Montclair 2+bd/2ba, location/charm/move in! \$299,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 15-17 ELSTON, Glenview Med w/income potential, quiet cul-de-sac \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Judy Farrell 531-7000
- 1001 GALVIN ST, Glenview, 3+bd/2ba on cul-de-sac, new decks \$299,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 365 BELLEVUE, Adams Point, 4bd/1+1/2ba mini-mansion, "as is"..... \$299,000
Large lot. New listing! Art Realty 465-4805 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
- 528 61st STREET, Duplex \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 4520 CLAREWOOD DR, 2bd/2+1/2ba condo, Upr Rockridge, pkg, pool \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Wendy Yee 763-9644
- 6376 THORNHILL, Unique, Woodsy, Stylish, Convenient \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 444-5426
- 1857 MAGELLAN, Montclair, 3bd/2+1/2ba custom contemp, nr Village \$299,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
- 1669 E. 38th STREET, Classic 3bd/2ba Mediterranean, nds TLC \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Frank Nijenkamp 433-9998
- 24 GLENEEDS, 2bd/1ba, Piedmont area, like new, one level, lg yd \$299,000
with trees. Owner 933-0183, Will co-op. OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 6382 THORNHILL, Montclair, 4+bd/3b, wooded, convenient location \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212
- 3956 FRUITVALE AVE, Oakmore, 3bd/2ba gorgeous remodel \$299,000
Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 5644 ESTATES, Rockridge, great area, Hillcrest schools, 3bd/2ba \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239
- 21 STAUFFER CT, Redwood Hts, new listing! 3/1+1/2, frpl, extra lot \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174
- 6028 THORNHILL DR, Montclair, creekside setting, 2bd/2ba, garden \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- 21 MOSS AVE, Affordable duplex or trad'l, 4/2, hdwds, lg back yd \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400
- 2422 WILBUR, Dimond, 3bd/1+1/2ba, FDR, family room, hdwd floors \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010
- 3965 WATERHOUSE RD, English Tudor fixer-upr, 3bd, 1+1/2ba, lg yd \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000
- 4263 35th AVE, Redwood Hts, new listing! grt family hm, 3/2 (total 8) \$299,000
spacious and bright Private yd. Move in condition. 482-2845 SUNDAY 1-5
- 538 WELDON, Upper Lakeshore, 3bd/1ba, wonderful craftsman \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290
- 4014 WOODRUFF AVE, Glenview beauty! 3bd/1ba, fresh paint \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290
- 6239 LEONA ST, Reduced price! 3bd/1+1/2ba, pool, grt garden! \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000
- 5256 JAMES AVE, New Rockridge listing! 2/1, plus rm, FDR, hdwds \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- 5464 LOCKSLEY AV, Rockridge, 2bd/1ba, period bungalow, charm \$299,000
Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 339-8400
- 4751 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1ba sunny trad'l, bay vw, yd \$299,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 3222 SYLVAN, Laurel, cute 3/2 craftsman on cul-de-sac, garden \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 3707 VIRDEN, Pano vw Mt Tam/Oakland lights/SF bay! 3/2, wkshop \$299,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Martha Turner 814-4828 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 4537 FIELDBROOK, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1+1/2ba, level to yd & garden \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D. A. Hammond 869-4219

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 10 Fairlane Dr. - \$495,000
 11 Fairlane Dr. - \$132,000
 12 Haliday Ave. - \$118,500
 13 Harbord Dr. - \$365,000
 14 Huntington St. - \$246,000
 15 Kales Ave. - \$325,000
 16 Leo Way - \$350,000
 17 Loma Ave. - \$205,500
 18 Lynde St. - \$135,000
 19 Margarito Dr. - \$432,500
 20 Market St. - \$135,000
 21 Maybelle Ave. - \$215,000
 22 Mira Vista Ave. - \$165,000
 23 Monroe Ave. - \$260,000

5819 Moraga Ave. - \$297,000
 425 Orange St. 402 - \$90,000
 4737 Proctor Ave. - \$379,500
 3042 Richmond Blvd. - \$230,000
 1016 San Francisco - \$125,000
 1067 San Francisco - \$100,000
 1077 San Francisco - \$100,000
 1025 Santa Maria Cir. - \$125,000
 118 Sonia St. - \$369,500
 5900 Wood Dr. - \$599,000
 6353 Wood Dr. - \$535,000
 11 Yosemite Ave. - \$179,500
 6020 Zinn Dr. - \$424,000

PIEDMONT

966 Kingston Ave. - \$427,000
 6459 Melville Dr. - \$322,000
 99 Wildwood Gardens - \$650,000

SAN LEANDRO

1543 166th Ave. - \$180,000
 2061 Altamont Rd. - \$145,000

13517 Aurora Dr. 111 - \$163,500
 13835 Aurora Dr. - \$187,000
 1470 Beacon Ave. - \$170,000
 1963 Bradhoff Ave. - \$185,000
 295 Broadmoor Blvd. - \$194,000
 555 Cascade Rd. - \$122,000
 14125 Doolittle Dr. - \$104,000
 817 Douglas Dr. - \$135,000
 2285 Estabrook Cir. - \$225,000
 827 Evergreen Ave. - \$189,000
 15398 Farnsworth St. - \$200,500
 1134 Gardner Blvd. - \$173,000
 1478 Glen Dr. - \$219,000
 433 Harlan St. 301 - \$105,000
 15059 Hesperian 32 - \$80,000
 14586 Juniper St. - \$167,000
 15068 Juniper St. - \$166,000
 1074 Manor Blvd. - \$138,000
 455 Olive St. - \$165,000
 2274 Prosperity Way - \$208,500
 905 Ramona Way - \$167,000

1571 Randy St. - \$178,000
 879 Sybil Ave. - \$169,500
 2265 Transom Way - \$122,000
 13922 Velarde Dr. - \$216,000

SAN LORENZO

1941 170th Ave. - \$222,500
 16123 Ashland Ave. - \$205,000
 16179 Ashland Ave. - \$200,500
 828 Linnea Ave. - \$166,000
 16114 Silverleaf Dr. - \$216,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 28
 LOWEST PRICE: \$84,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$435,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$249,892

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$245,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,286,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$618,833
 BERKELEY
 TOTAL SALES: 27
 LOWEST PRICE: \$127,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$845,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,111

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$154,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$250,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$206,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$195,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$141,750

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$107,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$145,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$126,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 49
 LOWEST PRICE: 90,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$599,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$239,602

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST PRICE: \$322,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$466,333

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27
 LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$225,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$165,700

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$166,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$222,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$202,000

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FEATURED ALAMEDA INVESTMENTS

1311 WEBSTER #E109. 1 BD Condo overlooking park. \$89,500
 1985 POST. One-level 3 BD, 1 BA, move-in condition \$219,000 SOLD
 1943 GIBBONS. Fenside Dist. 3 BD, 2 BA, family rm. \$389,000 SOLD
 1368 EAST SHORE. 3 BD, 2 BA on San Leandro Bay \$429,000 SOLD

For additional information on these or other properties contact

Tom Holstlaw

Office 748-1773 Home 522-6672 MSG. 769-SOLD

Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors

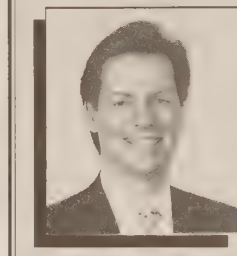
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Rates...

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may well carry over into next week, bringing us interest rates that are even more affordable than they are now."

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On July 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for August payments at 4.853 percent, down slightly from the 4.864 percent that was in effect for July payments. The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

22 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore, 2bd/1ba, sunny, bungalow, charm! \$215,000
 15 BROADWAY, 2bd/1ba bungalow, well located nr College Ave \$210,000
 12 BENNETT PL, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1ba, charming! bonus rm, yd \$209,500
 18 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE, Charming 2/1 art deco nr Pied Ave. \$204,900
 10 VALLE VISTA, 3bd/2ba, duplex above Grand Ave \$199,950
 12 BELLA VISTA, China Hill, Huge sunny 3/2 craftsman, lg yd \$197,000
 11 GILBERT ST, Charming brown shingle nr BART, yd & garage \$184,000
 130 MONTICELLO, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, FDR, recent remodel \$171,000
 18 CIRCLE HILL DR, Oakland Hills, 2/1, garden, FDR, lg kitchen \$169,000
 11 ASTER AVE, Oakland Hills, grt ngrhnd, bay vw, Indscpd \$169,000
 127 BUENAVENTURA, Millsmont, 2bd/1ba Spanish Med bungalow \$163,500
 12 OAKLAND AVE, Adams Point, 2bd/2b, frpl, office, studio, lg yd \$160,000
 14 OUTLOOK, Privacy! Pano bay view. 3bd/2ba, upgrades \$159,000
 18 SUNNYMERE AVE, 2bd/1ba, country setting, extra lg garage \$150,000
 16 MORCOM AVE, Maxwell Park, new price! darling 2bd/2ba \$149,950
 13 KEMPTON #6, Oakland, live/work \$149,900
 17 WYMAN, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba home w/potential, canyon vw \$142,000
 12 FRUITVALE AVE, 3-story townhouse, very beautiful \$139,000
 146th St, 2/1, total remodel, new kitchen/plumbing/electrical \$125,000
 18 BARTLETT, New listing! sunny, charming 3 bedroom \$125,000
 18 CARRINGTON, 2bd bungalow, Garage, fireplace, small yd \$103,900
 16th AVENUE, Spacious 2 bedroom on quiet street \$94,000
 17 LAGUNITAS #204, 1 bedroom end unit, sunny, fireplace \$96,950

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

10 NORWICH RD, Harbor Bay Isle, 3/2, corner lot, many upgrades \$297,500
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BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

175 LA LOMA, Opportunity for "handmade" 4 1/4 & studio, 1/3 ac \$1,150,000
 175 LA LOMA, Opportunity for "handmade" 4 1/4 & studio, 1/3 ac \$1,150,000

2 GRAVATT DR, Contemporary & private, bay vws, ancient trees! \$835,000
 1117 EUCLID, Stunning Henry Hill Contemporary, 5bd/3 1/2 ba \$575,000
 3 SENIOR AVE, 3bd/3 1/2 ba, 3bd suites, vw, nw fam rm/office, garden \$550,000
 769 SANTA BARBARA, Bay vw contemp, 2 pvt patios (front & back) \$449,000
 1172 MILLER, 3+bd/2ba \$425,000
 240 HILLCREST, Claremont's best buy! garden, 4bd/1+ba \$399,000
 2808 GARBER, New listing! Claremont 2bd/2ba bungalow \$310,000
 1016 WILDCAT CANYON, New price! 4/2, huge veranda, pano vws \$299,000
 450 ARLINGTON, Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$289,000
 1545 JOSEPHINE ST, 2+bd/1+ba craftsman w/remod kitchen/bath \$279,000
 2515 HILGARD #2, 2bd/2ba \$248,000
 2327 CURTIS, charming 2/1 +income, detached office \$219,000
 2667 PARKER, 2bd/1ba \$214,000
 2430 HILGARD, 50% TIC share in Medit. duplex, 1400 sq ft \$199,000
 1712 CALIFORNIA, New low price, 2bd gem nr No Berkeley BART \$195,000
 2545 MILVIA, Berkeley 3bd/1 1/2 ba \$169,800
 2465 HILGARD #2, Gem of a condo with private garden. Quiet. \$169,000
 815 DELAWARE, 2bd/1ba \$159,000
 1825 VINE #4, Berkeley 1+bd/1ba \$149,000
 2700 LeCONTE #205, Super L-shaped condo, furnished pvt patio \$139,000
 2 PANORAMIC WAY, 1, 2, & 3bd condos w/unbelievable bay or hill view! Great location, near campus. Sanelco 652-8252 SUN 2-4 \$130,000
 1825 VINE #1, 1bd/1ba \$115,000

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

22541 CENTER ST, 2/2 creekside condos, secure, amenities+! \$118,500
 22541 CENTER ST, 2/2 creekside condos, secure, amenities+! \$118,500

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

1244 RICHMOND ST, 3/2 completely updt, frpl, hdwd, wkshp, lg lot \$225,000
 1144 RICHMOND ST, 3bd/2+ba townhouse, sauna, 2-car garage. \$174,950

HERCULES Open Sunday

372 SEXTANT COURT, Hercules, 2bd/2ba \$119,000
 372 SEXTANT COURT, Hercules, 2bd/2ba \$119,000

KENSINGTON Open Sunday
 160 ARLINGTON, Kensington 4+bd/3+ba \$650,000
 160 ARLINGTON, Kensington 4+bd/3+ba \$650,000

MORAGA Open Sunday

2 MADSEN CT, 3 1/2, cute, total remodel & updt cottage, 2-car gar. \$289,900
 2 MADSEN CT, 3 1/2, cute, total remodel & updt cottage, 2-car gar. \$289,900

ORINDA Open Sunday

22 VALENCIA RD, 5/3 sprawling ranch, nw wndws, tile fl, charm! \$495,000
 22 VALENCIA RD, 5/3 sprawling ranch, nw wndws, tile fl, charm! \$495,000

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

44 FARRAGUT AV, 7+bd/5+ba beautifully restored, 1/2 acre, bay vw \$1,950,000
 44 FARRAGUT AV, 7+bd/5+ba beautifully restored, 1/2 acre, bay vw \$1,950,000

20 SHARON AVE, 3bd/2ba, new listing! gorgeous Medit, gardens \$1,180,000
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209 HILLSIDE AV, Sunny trad'l w/updt kit, 3+3/4, level to gardens \$849,000
 209 HILLSIDE AV, Sunny trad'l w/updt kit, 3+3/4, level to gardens \$849,000

210 SCENIC AVE, Pano bay views! 3bd/4ba w/auipair \$789,000
 210 SCENIC AVE, Pano bay views! 3bd/4ba w/auipair \$789,000

121 MONTICELLO, 3+2 1/2 charming trad'l, bright & airy, gourmet \$749,000
 121 MONTICELLO, 3+2 1/2 charming trad'l, bright & airy, gourmet \$749,000

185 WILDWOOD, Stately Tudor, pvt gardens, grand formal rooms! \$709,000
 185 WILDWOOD, Stately Tudor, pvt gardens, grand formal rooms! \$709,000

816 BLAIR AVE, Level-in & fully remod 3bd/2ba w/lots of extras! \$549,000
 816 BLAIR AVE, Level-in & fully remod 3bd/2ba w/lots of extras! \$549,000

80 PORTSMOUTH RD, 4+bd/2ba, lg EIK, level out to deck & garden \$369,000
 80 PORTSMOUTH RD, 4+bd/2ba, lg EIK, level out to deck & garden \$369,000

1405 GRAND, 4bd/2+ba, lowest price in Piedmont \$349,500
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132 PALM DR, Charming/level 3bd/1ba, FDR, kit open to pvt patio \$339,000
 132 PALM DR, Charming/level 3bd/1ba, FDR, kit open to pvt patio \$339,000

RICHMOND Open Sunday

685 AMADOR, R. View, 3bd/2ba bungalow, big woody lot \$170,000
 685 AMADOR, R. View, 3bd/2ba bungalow, big woody lot \$170,000

1822 CARLSON, R. Annex, 2bd on lg lot, hdwds, frpl, lg EIK, DR \$135,000
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SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

443 E. MERLE CT, 2bd/1ba on large lot. Needs some work \$140,000
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446 E. MERLE CT, 2/1 Spanish Med bungalow, Old World Charm \$191,950
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TRACY Open Sunday

1573 SHADOWWOOD CT, Stunning 3bd/2+ba contemporary \$195,000
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To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

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101 Autos
ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1997 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0865. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

FORD Probe, 1990, 5 speed, great condition, all-weather stereo cassette. Maintenance records. \$3750. 510-339-2773.

FORD Taurus 1990. Three seats, loaded, excellent condition, sun roof, leather seats, 87K, \$6700 530-2773

GRAND Voyager 1987 95,000 miles - good condition. Dark blue. \$3500. (510) 654-4788.

HONDA, Accord LX, 1989, 5-speed, loaded, all-weather, roof rack, clean, original owner. \$5000. 814-7310

HONDA Accord XE, 1994 with phone. All power. 26K, Factory warranty \$15,500. Lind 233-2063

KEEP IT Local! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters; helping Berkeley's children since 1963. Tax deductible. We'll pick up and do the paperwork. Call 704-0467.

MERCURY Sable, 1991, automatic, all power, leather interior, great condition, new transmission, \$5500 648-3015; 452-4055

NISSAN Altima 1997. Opportunity: assume 2 year lease, without down payment. Must qualify 436-7266, evenings

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175
Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives, Your area. Toll free 1-800-215-9000, ext. A-7037 for current listings.

TOYOTA Camry 1988, 4 door, automatic, air, AM/FM cassette, new brakes, fan-belt. \$2500/offer. (510) 653-4888

TOYOTA Corolla 1981, 165K miles, runs well, new tires, \$600. 528-4474.

103 Boats-Service & Storage
GORGEOUS 1996 Bayliner, Caprice 50, runs well, V6, Volvo engine, with trailer. \$8,000. 530-1912

104 Motorcycles
WANTED: Vespa or Lambretta motor scooter, any condition. Call (510) 947-1666

BULLETIN BOARD
As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements
BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland.

URGENT! URGENT!
American host families needed in August for French high school students. Information-339-1107

NUTRITION STUDY LUNCH
Free every Monday 12 noon. Call 522-6388.

202 Events
BOOK Club - enjoy good books - form or join a neighborhood discussion group. Call 531-2237.

206 Found
BLACK Lab, female, older spayed. Young tan Terrier male, Montclair area, July 27th. 462-3719.

BLACK and white, female dalmatian, found in Montclair District, July 31, Call Markus 839-7925

FOUND buff cocker on Monday, July 28, Oakland Hills, black collar, no tags. Call 535-5602.

207 Giveaway
URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

KITTENS, teenage homeless mother (spayed, healthy, all shots) to good homes. Loveable, purr easily 531-1032

CAT, part Siamese spayed female, 2 years, three-legged, outdoor Sweet, good with kids. Moving. 339-6717.

KESHOOUND, needs good home. Great watchdog, loves kids. Male, 8 years 658-7949 after 5 p.m.

KITTENS, 2 gentle, 6 week old orange and white tabbies need a loving home. 261-1422.

"SAMANTHA" 3 years, DLH, lured, declawed, sole pet. Tested, shots, spayed. Donation. 434-3204

STUNNING "Wanda", DSH, white, 1 1/2 years. Affectionate. Spayed, tested, shots, abandoned, sole pet. Donation. 434-3204

DARLING, cuddly black kittens, 11 weeks (2) Tested, shots, neuter assistance. Donation 415-794-1743

TWO loveable kittens, 11 weeks. Tested, shots, after assistance. Need new, loving homes. Donation 534-2343

"Bella", DSH, Black 1 1/2 years, shy until familiar. Tested, shots, spayed, donation. 261-5957.

"RED" 1 1/2 years, Staffordshire Terrier mix, neutered, shots, affectionate, okay with kids. Donation 569-9950

FOUR beautiful rescued kittens, 14 weeks, need homes. Tested, shots. Donation 568-3701, 444-3204

"JOHN" 6 years, DSH, black, big lover. Owner deceased. FIV positive but healthy. Donation 635-9291

ADORABLE, sweet kittens!!! (2) rescued, need loving homes. Tested, shots, after assistance. Donation 758-2831

PET, muscovy Black white, friendly, good to good homes with secure yard. 535-1876

KITTENS, 12 weeks, males, black Burmes. 635-4719

BEAUTIFUL Siamese Birmlin, male 2 1/2 years, and kitten. Needs loving home. Donation 530-3999

15 Oak church benches, excellent condition. Must haul away. 893-2555

208 Lost
WHITE Cockerel, orange/red checks, Lost July 24, on Shoreline in Alameda. Reward 769-7551.

LOST near Palm and Staten, small black female dog, blue collar with bow. Reward 465-7714.

SHEPHERD mix, 3 year old male, tan, medium size, shy and scared. 530-4965.

EDUCATION
302 Childrens Schools & Camps
CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

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Preschool program 2 1/2 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3830

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303 Instruction & Tutoring
A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500

PHLEBOTOMY/ Blood Drawing Course by Boston Red Cross. 1-800-201-1141. State licensed institution

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TUTORING - Retired teacher with Masters, 20 years experience. Author: Self-esteem curriculum and children's stories. Taking new students, grades 1-3 to prep for fall. (510) 653-7775.

304 Musical Instruction
ROCKBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 531-5625 message

PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/levels. Adults a specialty. Very experienced. Linda 655-0690

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More Experienced, Patient, All Ages, Summer Special Offer. Ariel 865-3943

PIANO: Wanted: enthusiastic students who love music and learning. All ages! abilities welcome. Master teacher (former conservatory faculty); high-energy, individualized program. Judith Melles, 843-4541

EMPLOYMENT
401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING clerk, full-time. Duties: billing, credit card dept. related. Computer service, handling AR. Skills: 10-Key, typing, computer literate, good problem solving and communication skills. Resumes: DNI, Fax 649-7130 or E-mail to: employment@dni.com

ACCOUNTING Clerk - small manufacturing company in Emeryville has excellent opportunity for part-time filing and data entry clerk, with a positive, honest, hard-working attitude. No experience necessary, we will train. Requires high school diploma with minimum 3.2 GPA and typing skills. For interview please call between 1-3 p.m. at 510-652-4762, ext. 211, ask for Marcela

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/ Receptionist. Busy, fun, friendly, real-estate company in Alameda seeks person to type, answer phones and provide excellent customer service. Part-time/full-time flexible. \$8-10/hour. Fax resume 510-769-2016

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant - Berkeley structural engineering office seeking well organized, efficient assistant for general office bookkeeping. Must have previous bookkeeping experience (AR/AP and financial reports). Previous work in an architectural or engineering office a plus. Must be proficient with Microsoft computer and Word, Excel, FilemakerPro and Quicken programs. Must be reliable, efficient, self-motivated and willing to do quality work. Permanent with good benefits. Send resume to: IDA, 626 Page Street, Berkeley, CA 94701 or Fax: 510-527-7224

ADMINISTRATIVE, Part-Time Hotel Business Center, 19+ hours, Two weekdays 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Requires: MSWord, acoustical typing, fast learner, office experience. Pluses: total experience, Windows 95, willingness to fill extra shifts. Up to \$10/hour. One year minimum commitment. Fax letter and resume to: Business Center, (510) 846-6208, or call for address (510) 648-1871.

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: Permanent, part-time assistant sought by small nonprofit 2 person office in North Oakland. Monday, Friday, 9-11. Must have excellent computer (IBM) and recent office experience. Salary \$12-15/hour, depending on experience, paid vacation. Mail resume to: PC/DIA, 6336 Telegraph Ave., #C-102, Oakland, California 94609, or fax resume to (510) 601-1439 or E-Mail: uapcd@aol.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II
UCB Law School (Boalt Hall)
Proficiency with WordPerfect (Windows 95), Word for Windows and Mac, typing 45 wpm. Excellent interpersonal, oral/written communication skills, ability to work with little supervision. Foreign languages and desk-top publishing experience desirable. Valid California driving license required. Please send cover letter and resume to: UC Berkeley Campus Personnel Office, Job #07-236-20, 2200 University Ave., Room 7F, Berkeley, California 94720-3540. EEO/AA

ADMINISTRATIVE, Part-time Assistant. Bright, motivated individual sought. Mac networked experience a plus. Varied office work, including technical/patient document preparation. Rockridge location. Flexible schedule. Career opportunity. Fax resume: 510-653-7992

AIDES, Regular and Special Education, part-time \$8.18 to \$9.23/hr. Apply Piedmont Unified School District, 760 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont 94611 EOE

ALBANY florist has two positions available, weekends only. Designer/experience floral sales 528-1000

ANIMAL technician. Searching for experienced veterinary technician to work 32-40 hours/week in clinic. Very good benefits for full-time employee. Send or submit resume and/or come for an application at: 2700 St. Berkeley, CA 94710. BEBHS Hospital 510-945-3633

APARTMENT Manager/Leasing Agent/ Maintenance coordinator. Nice lake area building, part-time flexible hours, very large 2 bedroom apartment with view and double garage. Resume to: CP/S/SELECT, 6114 La Salle Ave., #292, Oakland 94611

ARCHITECT, to assist in research and production for electronic publisher of construction information. Downtown Oakland location. Fax resume to 510-763-4339

ASSISTANT Office Manager, Engineering company in Alameda, hours 1:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Requires previous office experience, good communication and organization skills. MS Word and Excel. Send resume and cover letter to: TBC, P.O. Box 1063, Danville, CA 94526

ASSISTANT to educational consultant and author, hours variable. MAC literate, good organizational abilities, initiative, creativity. Administrative work, errands, assist with publicity and marketing. Background in education preferred. Some driving involved. Fax (preferred) cover letter and resume to: 832-3407, phone inquiries: 763-3173

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MEETING COORDINATORS: Excellent phone skills; General office experience including 45-50 wpm \$24K

REGISTRATION COORDINATORS: Excellent data entry and customer service; WordPerfect 5.1 helpful. \$22K

Fax or mail resume and cover letter to Ms. Tucker, Fax (510) 652-1859, INR, 5801 Christie Ave. #400, Emeryville, CA 94608

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3721

The Name of the Business:

Wolf Consulting, 1102 Junita Drive, Walnut

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3748

The Name of the Business:

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Court, Antioch, CA 94509.

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James T. Monroe, 121 Shahan Ct., Antioch, CA

94509.

Kim A. Spooner, 121 Shahan Ct., Antioch, CA

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This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

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File No. 97-3720

The Name of the Business:

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Building, Suite 10, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

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cord, CA 94521.

Dr. Harry Downs, 2050 Bluerock Circle, Con-

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The Name of the Business:

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Richard Anthony Robinson, 2550 Oak Road,

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The Name of the Business:

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File No. 97-3839

The Name of the Business:

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in, CA 94552.

Is registered by the following owner:

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This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Contra Costa County on June 23, 1997.

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SUMMONS - FAMILY LAW

(CITACION JUDICIAL DERECHO - DE FAMILIA)

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

Pravici Al Demandado:

CARL D. LEBLANC,

YOU ARE BEING SUED:

(A usted le estan demandando)

Petitioner's name is:

(El Nombre del demandante es:

JANET LEBLANC

Case Number:

(Numero del Caso)

D 97-01539

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Sum-

mons and Petition are served on you to file a

Response (Form 1282) at the court and serve a

copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will

not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court

may make orders affecting your marriage, your

property, and custody of your children. You may

be ordered to pay support and court fees as

costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk

for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice,

contact a lawyer immediately.

Use the line on DIAS CALENDARIOS despues de

recibir oficialmente esta citacion judicial y peti-

cion, para completar y presentar su formulario de

Respuesta (Response form 1282) ante la corte.

Utilice la linea llamada telefonica no la ofrece

proteccion.

Si usted no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la

corte puede expedir ordenes que afecten su ma-

trimonio, su propiedad y custodia de sus hijos.

Usted puede ser ordenado a pagar apoyo y costas

de la corte. Si usted no puede pagar las costas, pida

la presentacion de la demanda, pida al actuario de la

corte que le de un formulario de exoneracion de las

mismas (Waiver of Court Fees and Costs).

Si desea obtener consejo legal, comuniquese de

inmediato con un abogado.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y

direccion de la corte es)

Superior Court of Contra Costa, 725 Court Street,

P.O. Box 911, Martinez, CA 94553.

The name, address, and telephone number of

petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an

attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero

de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del

demandante que no tiene abogado, es:

Janet LeBlanc, 204 Pacific Ave., Rodeo, CA

94527.

DATE: (Fecha)

March 27, 1997.

Court (Actuario), by M. Cousla, Deputy

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:

You are served as an individual.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3922

The Name of the Business:

Beeline Design & Marketing, 3736 Mt. Diablo

Bldg., Suite 215, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Is registered by the following owners:

Victoria Mossaro Marti, 1619-B Carmel

Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Howard William Mart, 1619-B Carmel Drive,

Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Individuals-

Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on

June 27, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3845

The Name of the Business:

MJ Bookkeeping & Service, 5200 Huntington

Ave., Suite 340, Richmond, CA 94804.

Is registered by the following owner:

Margaret L. Johnson, 2212 Champagne Ct.,

Fairfield, CA 94533.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on

June 24, 1997.

Statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-4169

The Name of the Business:

Natures Way, 1103 Reiner Lane, Walnut Creek,

CA 94596.

Is registered by the following owners:

Stephanie S. Capone, 1103 Reiner Lane, Wal-

nut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Individuals-

Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on

June 30, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3962

The Name of the Business:

Phoenix Heating And Air Conditioning, 922

Lassen St., Richmond, CA 94805.

Is registered by the following owner:

William Paul Akers, 922 Lassen St., Richmond,

CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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